The Materials Research Laboratory (MRL) at the University of California, Santa Barbara, will sponsor a two-year program in laboratory research* and classroom inquiry starting in June 2024. *No prior scientific research experience is necessary.

All science teachers from the local tri-county area are eligible to apply for this program, which is designed to engage elementary, junior high and high school science teachers.

Program Timeline
Teachers will be required to attend two summer sessions and one meeting per quarter during two academic school years, concluding with a Science Teacher Workshop for held in Spring 2026.

Total stipend, distributed throughout the program, to equal $10,000.

First Year

Summer 2024 – Mid June to end of July
Teachers will spend six weeks at UCSB working in a lab research group. To learn more about the research go to the MRL Web Site (http://www.mrl.ucsb.edu/RET)

Fall 2024 – Spring 2025 - Academic year meetings
Throughout the first academic year, the group of teachers will meet once a quarter with project coordinators, scientists and education specialists to explore ways to incorporate scientific research methods into the K12 science curriculum.

Second Year:

Summer 2025 – (Dates TBA)
Teachers will return for four weeks to work in collaboration with other science educators and staff, to develop interactive curricular materials for their classrooms. Past curriculum projects are available for viewing on http://www.mrl.ucsb.edu/education/ret-search

Fall 2025 – Spring 2026
During the second academic year, the groups will meet approximately once a quarter to refine their curricular materials for the annual workshop.

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On line application:
http://www.mrl.ucsb.edu/education/ret-research-experience-teachers
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