

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE FOR TEACHERS



The Materials Research Laboratory (MRL) at the University of California, Santa Barbara, will sponsor a RET program in laboratory research and classroom inquiry starting in June 2026. No prior scientific research experience is necessary.



JOIN US:

Elementary through high school teachers are eligible to apply for this engaging program. To apply, visit the program webpage below:
<https://www.mrl.ucsb.edu/ret>

PROGRAM TIMELINE:

- ✓ Summer 1 : six week UCSB research experience
- ✓ Summer 2: four week classroom project development. Flexible location
- ✓ Science Teacher Workshop presentation, Spring 2027
- ✓ Total stipend: \$10,000

JUNE 2026 - APRIL 2028

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 held in Spring 2027.

First Year

Summer 2026 – 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 (<https://www.mrl.ucsb.edu/RET>)

Fall 2026 – Spring 2027 - 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 2027 – (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 <https://www.mrl.ucsb.edu/education/for-teachers/teacher-projects>

Fall 2027 – Spring 2028

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

Science Teacher Workshop Participation

Spring 2026/2027

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