



RESEARCH EXPERIENCE FOR TEACHERS

June 2026 –April 2028

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 2026. *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 2027.

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

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 (<http://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 <http://www.mrl.ucsb.edu/education/ret-search>

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.

For further explanation or questions contact:

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On line application:

<https://www.mrl.ucsb.edu/ret>

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