

Dear 2020-2021 Teacher Candidates,

The Urban Institute for teacher Education (UITE) is collaborating with Utah Higher Education AmeriCorps Network (UHEAN) to provide the opportunity to apply for financial support for individuals who will complete their final year of licensure, fall 2020 and spring 2021. This opportunity has the potential to provide a monetary award for tuition assistance of \$1,289.95. In compliance with AmeriCorp and University of Utah policies and procedures, funds may be used toward the following:

- Current education expenses – See Award Stipulations Document
- Repayment of qualified direct or indirect loans as approved by the University of Utah’s Income and Accounting Offices. See Award Stipulations Document for payment specifications.
- Savings to support future education expenses or loan repayment. Payment good for 7 years. See Award Stipulations Document for payment specifications.
- See University of Utah Policies and Procedures <https://fbs.admin.utah.edu/income/tuitioninfo/ddd/>
- Note that students must contact the University of Utah’s Income and Accounting Offices ***before the end of spring semester***, 2021 for payment.

**UITE eligibility includes but is not limited to:**

- A University of Utah cumulative GPA of 3.4 or higher
- Whether you have received other College of Education scholarship awards for 2020-2021.
- A student teaching placement that meets either Title 1 status and/or whether you are completing the ESL endorsement or providing math and/or science instruction to students.

**To participate as an eligible recipient**, you must agree to the following stipulations required by the Utah Higher Education AmeriCorps Network (UHEAN):

1. Obtain new fingerprints or schedule a specific date to get prints done. UHEAN will pay for enrolling members to get their fingerprints done. You will be provide with additional information on the process. Please note this background check is different than the one completed by the USBE for your field practicums through the UITE.
2. You must be student teaching in a Utah school.
3. You must be a U.S. Citizen, U.S. National, or Lawful Permanent Resident Alien of the U.S.
4. You must be able to confirm at least **ONE** area below at your student teaching siteo:
  - ✓ Site has a Title I status

- ✓ Site's free and reduced lunch percentages are greater or equal to 50%
- ✓ You will provide math instruction/tutoring
- ✓ You will provide science instruction/tutoring
- ✓ Studying to become a Special Education teacher
- ✓ Specializing in ESL/bilingual education through you academic program

**As an eligible recipient,** you must complete a minimum of 300 hours of AmeriCorps service at your student teaching site during fall and spring semesters. Tasks linked to your work include:

- Serving only K-12 students during this term of service
  - Serving the same group of students for at least 300 hours during fall and spring semesters
  - Serving at a school that has a signed Qualified Site Contract on file with UHEAN– The Urban Institute will manage this requirement.
  - With the help of your Site Teacher Educator (STE) and UITE supervisor, you will be able to:
    - Track the number of students who started in your classroom
    - Track the number of students who leave your classroom
    - Track the number of new students who start the education program
    - Track students' activity/assignment completion
    - Track students' reading skills, attendance, behavior, and overall academic grades
    - Track students who demonstrated improved academic engagement
5. As an eligible recipient you must participate in a 1-hour AmeriCorps online orientation and pass a brief quiz afterwards with a score of 80% or higher. The orientation is scheduled for **Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am or 6:00pm - online.**
6. You must submit required paperwork (i.e., Member Service Agreement and Position Description).

**In order to be considered for this award, please submit a one-page statement describing your qualifications for this award to Kristen Lindsay at [kristen.lindsay@utah.edu](mailto:kristen.lindsay@utah.edu) by Friday, June 12, 2020.**