



*RESEARCH EXPERIENCE FOR TEACHERS*  
June 2025 –April 2027

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 2025. *\*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 2025 – 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 2025 – Spring 2026 - 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 2026 – (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 2026 – Spring 2027*

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:*

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