

## TEAMS San Francisco Bay Area

### Call for Professional Development Workshop Leaders 2008-09

TEAMS (Teacher Education for the Advancement of a Multicultural Society) is a teacher and counselor development program which aims to recruit, train, support, and retain committed educators for urban schools. TEAMS provides financial incentives, professional development, and a context for building a supportive network for educators who are committed to social justice, educational excellence and equity, and multiculturalism.

TEAMS is seeking Professional Development Workshop Leaders for the 2008-09 Pedagogical Seminar Series. Workshop Leaders will support the TEAMS mission to develop Fellows (new teachers and counselors who are working in urban public schools while working towards their teaching credential). TEAMS is a collaborative of schools and community based organizations, based at the University of San Francisco (USF) which provides resources, support and preparation for educators committed to diversity, equality and excellence in education.

TEAMS holds professional development seminars monthly, called Pedagogical Seminars, wherein TEAMS Fellows are exposed to a variety of educational issues designed to prepare them for service in urban, public schools. Pedagogical Seminars are the main avenue for TEAMS training and support. In addition, seminars are designed to accommodate the learning needs of both first and second year Fellows, while also allowing for networking between the cohorts and professional reflection. As such, each seminar is structured with the following components:

1. A General Message/Theme for all Fellows through a Keynote Address
2. An offering of different Professional Development Workshops that Fellows can choose from
3. Family time for networking, debriefing and reflection

The elements are designed to contribute to the professional development of our Fellows to enable them to be critical, capable educators and to nurture their desire to stay in the field. Educators who lead the Professional Development Workshops are practicing counselors, teachers/teacher-educators. They are selected because of their success in linking creative practice to academic growth for urban youth and their ability to communicate their practice to other professionals. They are also selected for their commitment to the TEAMS/AmeriCorps mission, and can evidence their ability to incorporate elements of social justice, educational excellence and equity, and multiculturalism into their workshops.

The majority of workshop leaders are also Family Leaders. Family Leaders are educators who not only have strong pedagogical skills but also the ability to facilitate group discussions among a small group of Fellows.

The theme for the 2008-2009 TEAMS/AmeriCorps Pedagogical Seminar Series is: *Creating Education Equity through Professional Development: Re imagining the Teaching-Learning Process across the Classroom, School, and Community*

The specific focus for each of monthly Pedagogical Seminars is outlined on the accompany San Francisco Bay Area Calendar. Workshop leaders are sought for the September, October, November, January, March, and April Seminars. Perspective workshop leaders are invited to submit brief (150-250 words) proposals for workshops that support the Seminar themes and the TEAMS' commitment to social justice, educational excellence and equity, and multiculturalism. Please submit a separate proposal for each workshop. Proposals can be submitted for each Seminar date. Indicate in the proposal if the workshop is for first or second-year Fellows. Workshops for first year Fellows should be designed to engage educators who may be in their first year in a classroom. Workshops for second year Fellows should be designed with an expectation that Fellows have more classroom expertise and have been exposed to the TEAMS vision via previous Professional Development Workshops.

Interested presenters and speakers are invited to apply by filling out the accompanying application and send in workshop proposals and a resume/curriculum vitae to:

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