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Breakthrough Houston Teaching Fellow Summer 2025

Position: Teaching Fellow (AmeriCorps Member Service Position)

Term: June 2, 2025 - July 30, 2025

Location: Houston, TX - In Person

Stipend:

- 1st Year Fellows (AmeriCorps Member) - \$4,600
- 2nd Year Returning Fellows (AmeriCorps Leaders) - \$4,850
- 3rd Year+ Returning Fellows (AmeriCorps Senior Leaders) - \$5,100

Education Award: \$1,956.35 (upon successful completion of the Member's 450 service hours and completion of the full term of service, members are eligible to receive an Education Award from the Corporation for National and Community Service of \$1,956.35 to pay education costs at qualified institutions of higher education, for educational training, or to repay qualified student loans. Members may receive no more than the aggregate value of **two** full-time education awards.)

Our Mission:

Breakthrough Houston has a unique dual mission of working with highly motivated, historically excluded students to achieve post-secondary success and empowering aspiring leaders to become the next generation of educational advocates.

Equity is central to Breakthrough's mission, and equity is one of our organization's core values. We are committed to intentionally creating diverse communities and work to ensure that all identities – particularly Black, Indigenous, People of Color, and those that have been historically marginalized – are represented and supported. We strive to see the identities of the communities we serve reflected across all levels of our team.

Our Background + Our Program:

Founded in 1995 with a handful of teachers and a small class of 7th graders, Breakthrough Houston makes a bold ten year commitment to students - from middle school through college graduation. BTH comprises three fundamental programs for students: the Middle School Program, College Bound Program, and the College Completion Program, and currently serves *over 800 students* within Houston or at colleges nationwide. BTH provides summer and ongoing school year tuition-free programming that includes both academic college preparatory curriculum and learning opportunities, as well as extended enrichment programming and college access support. With this depth of focus we aim to promote academic success and personal growth to place our students on the path to college completion and career success.

Additionally, our Teacher Training Program identifies and supports current college students who are aspiring teachers through an innovative near peer model during our summer program. We partner these Teaching Fellows with professional educators who provide intensive instructional coaching and mentoring. We support 100+ Teaching Fellows each summer who gain 100+ hours of in-classroom teaching experience.

Job Summary:

Lead your own classroom. Experience firsthand what it is like to teach, motivate, and inspire your own students. Grow as a leader and an educator. Become an AmeriCorps Summer Teaching Fellow for Breakthrough Houston and have the most meaningful summer of your life!

Breakthrough seeks enthusiastic and creative high school and college students to be Teaching Fellows to teach and mentor middle schoolers during our 8-week Summer Program. Under the guidance of Instructional Coaches (experienced classroom teachers and school leaders). Based on their comfortability, Teaching Fellows teach 1 core subject (math, science, reading, or writing), an elective, and an activity to cohorts of ~10-12 middle school students (rising 7th, 8th, or 9th graders).

This full-time summer opportunity is ideal for individuals who are excited to learn how to lead a classroom and work with incredible middle school students and their families! Breakthrough summers are fast-paced, fun-filled adventures where teachers are quick on their feet and able to move fluidly through the days' challenges and celebrations.

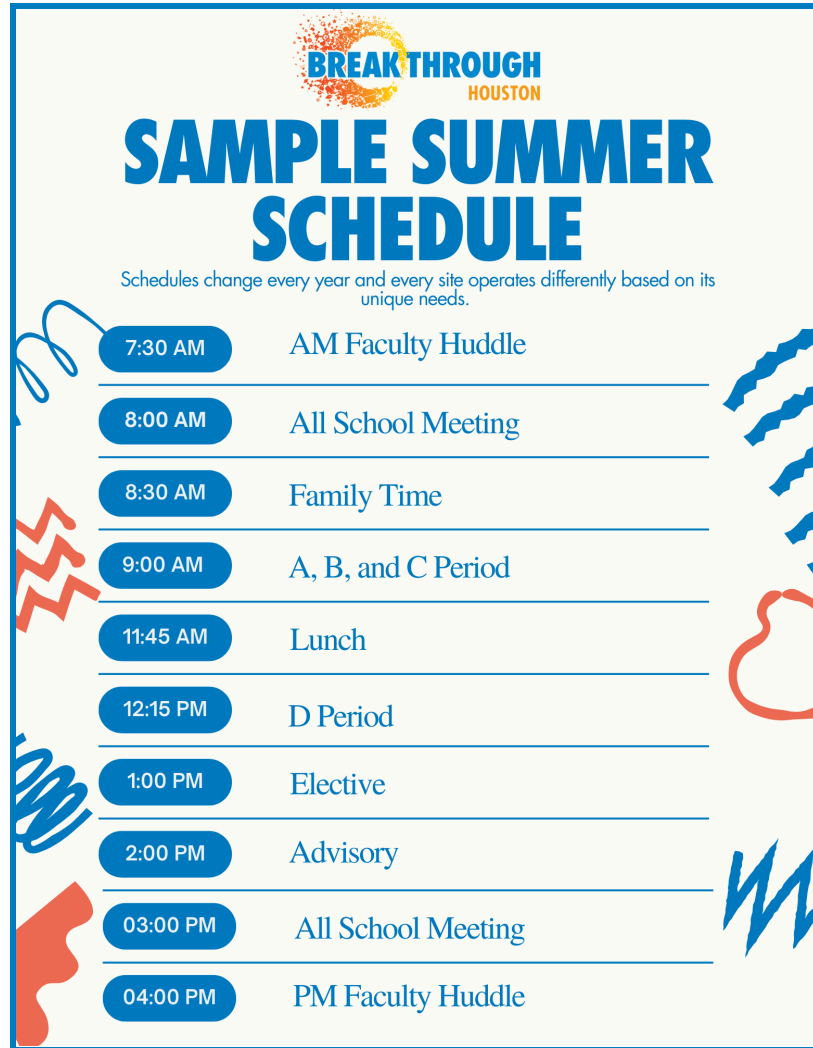
A breakdown of your Breakthrough summer:

- 2 weeks of Teacher Training - intensive, reflective, and hands-on training led by Instructional Coaches and Breakthrough staff members
- 6 weeks of instruction - teaching either rising 7th, 8th, or 9th graders in 1 core subject (math, science, reading, or writing) AND leading an elective and activity course
- 1 week of wrap up - closing out the school site, finishing up last minute work and evaluations before the end of summer staff celebration

A Day In The Life Of A 2024 Breakthrough Summer Teacher

Breakthrough Houston operates three summer sites and teachers will be assigned to one of the below locations. Teachers can share their location preferences in the application. A sample schedule is attached below. Please note that schedules change every year and every site operates differently based on its unique needs.

- The Awty International School (7455 Awty School Ln, Houston, TX 77055)
- Connect Community (in Gulfton)
- St. John's School (2401 Claremont Ln, Houston, TX 77019)



Qualifications:

- Be a U.S. citizen, or U.S. national or lawful permanent resident of the United States
- Be at least 17 years old
- Have a commitment to community service and the ability to serve for the complete program term (June 2, 2025 - July 30, 2025)
- **Understanding of systemic barriers, youth trends, and lives experience:** Breakthrough Houston primarily serves first-generation to college, BIPOC youth from low-income and/or immigrant families, and others who have been historically underrepresented by our systems.

Knowledge, Skills, And Abilities

- Effective communication skills
- Excellent organizational and time management skills

- Ability to follow through
- Flexibility and openness to changing roles
- Ability to work cooperatively on a team
- Respond well to constructive criticism
- Effective academic support and mentoring skills
- Willingness to learn and attend all AmeriCorps trainings
- Commitment to working with youth and to service
- Ability to manage several concurrent issues and solve problems effectively
- Ability to complete paperwork and meet deadlines
- Bilingual (Spanish) strongly preferred

To Apply:

Please follow [this link](#) to submit your Teaching Fellow application TODAY! Be prepared with the following for your application:

- Personal and contact info
- Your professional resume
- Contact information for a recommender
- An official transcript (uploaded as an attachment)
- Two short-answer questions
- Location and teaching preferences

If you would like to be a Houston Teaching Fellow, please select Breakthrough Houston as your first choice! If you have any questions, please reach out to Erica Barnes at ebarnes@breakthroughhouston.org or teach@breakthroughcollaborative.org.

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