



GRADUATE TEACH GRANT FACT SHEET

What is the TEACH Grant?

The Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education Grant (TEACH Grant) Program is a federal program that provides grants of up to \$4,000 per year to graduate students. Recipients must agree to fulfill a service obligation as a full-time teacher in a high-need field, at a public or private elementary or secondary school that serves low-income families ([federal Title I designated neighborhoods](#))*.

What is a “High-Need Field”?

“High-need field” refers to instructional subject areas for which there are teacher shortages. TEACH Grant (TG) is intended to support the training of students to address the teacher shortages of certain federally defined instructional subject areas. The following Lehman College programs prepare students for teacher certification in those federally designated subject areas.

- Bilingual Education
- Bilingual Special Education
- Foreign Language Education
- Literacy Studies
- Mathematics Education
- Science Education
- Special Education
- TESOL

What are the TEACH Grant Program’s Eligibility Requirements?

- **Be** a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- **Complete** online [TEACH Grant Entrance Counseling](#) and [Agreement to Serve \(ATS\)](#) sessions. *
- **Complete** the current year’s [FAFSA](#) federal financial aid application.
- **Be** a matriculated graduate student in one of Lehman College’s federally designated high-need teacher education programs.
- **Have or maintain** a cumulative undergraduate and graduate GPA of at least 3.25 **or** submit proof of scoring above the 75th percentile on a national college admissions test (SAT, ACT, LSAT, GRE, MCAT, GMAT, DAT).
- **Master Degree applicants**, who are retired teachers with certification in a high-need field or who are current teachers, are exempt from the previous criteria.
- **Enroll** for necessary coursework to prepare for a teaching career in a high-need instructional area.

How is the Service Obligation Completed?

To complete the service obligation, recipients must teach for at least four (4) academic years within eight (8) calendar years of completing their program of study. Such service must be rendered as a fully certified teacher.

Failure to complete the service obligation will cause all received TEACH Grant funds to be converted to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan. The loan must be repaid to the U.S. Department of Education with interest accrued from the date of each TEACH Grant disbursement.

How do I get admitted to the TEACH Grant Program?

1. **Be** admitted to one of the graduate TEACH Grant eligible subject areas. If available, submit national admissions test scores.
2. **File** a FAFSA application and provide all documents requested by the Financial Aid Office.
3. **Fill out** the Lehman College TEACH Grant Application. Submit the TEACH Grant application to the Graduate Admissions Office, Shuster Hall, Room 150.
4. **Complete** the TEACH Grant Entrance Counseling and Agreement to Serve (ATS) contract.*
5. **Seek** departmental advice and select courses leading to certification in the selected subject area.

*** SEE REVERSE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Additional information

Graduate Admissions: graduate.admissions@lehman.cuny.edu or 718-960-8777

Financial Aid Office: financial.aid@mail.lehman.edu or 718-960-8545

Academic Program Advisors

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Bilingual Special Education	Prof. Victoria Rodriguez	718-960-8149	CA-B15
Mathematics Education	Prof. Serigne Gningue	718-960-8262	CA-B29K
Literacy Studies	Dr. Limor Pinhasi-Vittorio	718-960-7205	CA-B17A
Foreign Language Education	TBA	718-960-	
Science Education	Prof. Wesley Pitts	718-960-6097	CA-232
Special Education	Barbara Gottlieb	718-960-8183	C-B01E
TESOL	Prof. Margo DelliCarpini	718-960-8018	CA-B29

Important websites:

US Department of Education Fact Sheet: <https://teach-ats.ed.gov/ats/images/gen/factsheet.pdf>

FAFSA application: www.FAFSA.ed.gov

US Department of Education Teacher Shortage list: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.html#list>

*Federal Title I School lists: <https://www.tcli.ed.gov/CBSWebApp/tcli/TCLIPubSchoolSearch.jsp>

*TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve Contract and Entrance Counseling: <https://teach-ats.ed.gov/ats/index.action>

Lehman College financial aid website: <http://www.lehman.edu/vpstud/finaid/>

Scholarship Searches: www.fastweb.com