

SP24.10: Promoting and Leveraging the Arizona Teachers Academy Scholarship Program

Overview

ATA was created by Governor Ducey and the State of Arizona as one strategy to address the severe teacher shortage. The purpose of the ATA Scholarship Program is to increase the pipeline of students selecting and completing teacher preparation degree programs and thus increasing Arizona's teaching force through an agreement the student signs to teach in an Arizona public school for one year for each year (or any portion of a year) the student receives a scholarship. Specifically, the state called on Arizona's state colleges and universities to provide a way for individuals to become teachers without incurring debt. Given that ATA is expected to be a long-term program to support recruitment of qualified teachers for Arizona's PK-12 public schools. The proposed study will investigate how a state scholarship program, such as ATA is being promoted or leveraged in conjunction with other initiatives to address Arizona's severe teacher shortage.

What the student will DO and LEARN

Assist with data collection through interviewing participants; Support data reporting of transcriptions and notes as well as qualitative analysis of interviews conducted; Assist with writing results of study

Additional benefits

Opportunity to practice and improve academic writing skills regarding research and summarizing existing literature; Gain familiarity with drafting manuscript to submit to teacher education journal

Additional qualifications

Ability to collaborate online through Microsoft Teams; Ability to take detailed interview notes

Time commitment

6 hrs/week for 15 weeks