The VCU Health Educational Research Opportunities for Teachers (HERO-T) program is designed to help improve the quality of science teaching as well as student achievement in secondary science classes by providing teachers with a substantive two-year research/professional development experience. The cornerstone of the program is a mentored research experience (including both an 8-week summer program and a professional learning community during the academic year) with VCU faculty members. HERO-T Fellows have the opportunity to present their work at local, regional and national research meetings.

Eligible applicants must be: a valid Virginia teaching credential (in a secondary science) with a minimum of three years recent teaching experience, be a tenured teacher in his/her school division, be able to participate in the required eight week research experience for two consecutive summers and in a monthly Professional Learning Community meetings during each subsequent academic year. Eligible applicants must be U.S. citizens, permanent residents or non-citizen nationals. Proof of citizenship status or resident status will be required.

What We Offer

- 8-week mentored research experience for 2 years
- Participation in Professional Learning Community
- Competitive stipend $9,000
- 540 Professional Development hours towards licensure renewal
- Summer Dates: June 15—July 31, 2022
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