



Teacher Summer Experience Program

Our flagship 35-year program is going strong. Teachers complete paid summer projects with teams at your company (in person or virtually) and share those experiences with their students. Your employees volunteer in classrooms as company and career role models.

The Main Elements

Our 8-week immersive program starts with your teams defining a short-term or back-burner project that a teacher completes for you.

You get unique, hands-on expertise and teachers learn how math, science, and other subjects are used inside companies. Those real-life examples are brought back to their students in formal lesson plans and activities.

The main steps are simple:

- Projects are identified by your teams along with the core skills you'd like teachers to have
- Teachers are interviewed by your project leaders
- Teachers are selected and onboarded in early summer (mid-June)
- Work is completed by mid-August with short weekly check-ins with the project leader
- Lesson plans are developed by teachers to share experiences and career ideas with their students

After the summer, your teams stay connected with teachers and when possible, they visit classrooms to participate in activities, experiments, and career discussions.

Program Benefits

This is a unique “win-win-win” program:

- Teachers are re-energized by the unique development experiences and rewarding relationships with your teams
- Students from all backgrounds learn about your company and careers, meet diverse role models, and start seeing themselves as scientists, technologists, and leaders
- Your employees give back and improve the lives of teachers and hundreds of their students

Projects can be hosted by any team at your company and teachers have worked in a wide variety of areas. You can also see examples of previous [in person projects](#) and [virtual projects](#) and look through a few of our [short teacher stories](#) to learn more about these experiences.

Getting Started

To get started, we can answer your questions and brainstorm ideas on specific projects.

To set up a 30-minute call, contact Jeff Schmidt at jeff@ignitededucation.org