

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce that the application period for the Summer 2027 [Summer Graduate Teaching Scholars](#) (SGTS) Program is now open, with a deadline of Monday, November 30, 2026.

The SGTS program offers top-performing graduate students the chance to gain mentored teaching experience as the instructor of record for an undergraduate course. It is excellent professional development for individuals eager to expand their experience in course design and delivery while building transferable career skills. It also helps us to expand Summer Session course offerings for undergraduate students.

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**ACTION REQUESTED:** Please share the student-facing version of this announcement [\[linked here\]](#) with your graduate students. We are currently unable to contact students directly.

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#### **GRADUATE STUDENT ELIGIBILITY**

We encourage all departments and programs to submit applications. The program is open to current graduate students who are registered full-time in Spring 2027 and/or intend to enroll full-time in Fall 2027. To be eligible, graduate students must advance to candidacy by the end of winter 2027, and should have prior TA experience. More details are found on the SGTS website [\[linked here\]](#)

#### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Departments may begin preparing applications now by identifying interested graduate students and proposed courses, and gathering the required application materials. The online submission form will open in early November, in parallel with the Summer Session 2027 call. Applications must be submitted by the department/program graduate coordinator or department chair/program director. Graduate students can find additional information on the SGTS website [\[linked here\]](#) and are encouraged to contact their graduate coordinator [\[contacts linked here\]](#) to discuss the application process. Note that the contacts link is accessible on campus or while logged into VPN.

## PROGRAM SUPPORT

Graduate students who participate will (1) receive a \$500 stipend for completing the *Advanced College Teaching: Equitable Course Design and Instruction* course offered by the Teaching and Learning Commons, *and* (2) will be compensated as Associate-Instructors for teaching a course during Summer 2027.

Faculty teaching mentors will receive a \$200 payment to a research account.

## SUMMER SESSION FUNDING

A Summer Session workgroup is currently reviewing the new financial model and Summer 2026 outcomes to determine whether any changes are needed for Summer 2027. Additional information about the Summer Session funding model is expected by early November.

## SELECTING A COURSE

When considering courses for an SGTS participant to teach during the summer, we offer the following for your consideration:

- **Course history:** Graduate students may teach existing courses, but not courses being offered for the first time.
- **Course enrollment:** Because Summer Session courses may be canceled for low enrollment (typically 15-17 students are needed to cover instructional costs), departments are encouraged to select established courses with a history of strong student demand. Refer to the [Five-Year Enrollment Report](#) on the Summer Session website to review your department's enrollments from the past five summers.
- **Course subject and instructor expertise:** The course options available to a graduate student can be large: the focus/content should encompass the expertise of the SGTS candidate, even if not directly in the graduate student's primary area of study.

The Summer Session team is available to help departments identify appropriate courses for SGTS nominees. Departments can connect with the team in any of the following ways:

- [Office Hours via Zoom](#) - Oct 14th 9:30am -11am.
- In-person Open House in mid-November. *More details coming soon*
- To schedule an appointment with the Summer Session team, email [summer-courses@ucsd.edu](mailto:summer-courses@ucsd.edu).

## **IF APPLICATIONS EXCEED SGTS PROGRAM CAPACITY**

If the number of eligible applications exceeds the SGTS program capacity, the selection process will consider several factors, including whether the student would be serving as an Associate-In for the first time, demonstrated student demand for the proposed course, and representation across schools and departments.

## **APPLICATION DEADLINE**

Please visit the [SGTS website](#) for program information, eligibility criteria, nomination guidance, and online submission instructions. Nominations and supporting documentation are **due by Monday, November 30, 2026**. Recipients will be announced by the end of Fall Quarter 2026.

For any questions, feel free to contact Hailey Caraballo, Principal Project & Policy Analyst in the Division of Undergraduate Education, at [hcaraballo@ucsd.edu](mailto:hcaraballo@ucsd.edu).

Thank you for your consideration,

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