

PR Award #: S336S200037

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Absolute Priority: AP 2 Partnership Grants for the Establishment of Effective Teaching Residency Programs

Competitive Preference Priorities:

1) Spurring Investment in Qualified Opportunity Zones

Requested Total Award Amount: \$6,911,092.00

Project Description:

UWA's proposed **Project REACH (Residencies for Educating Alabama's Children)** will recruit, train, and graduate 60 diverse, highly effective teachers who are well prepared to teach in Alabama's high need schools; will reduce the achievement and opportunity gaps of K-12 students in literacy, mathematics, STEM and computer science; will improve the host schools' capacity to provide high-quality clinical experiences for preservice teachers by preparing mentors who are skilled in working with clinical residents to improve their practice; will establish and design a clinically-rich teacher preparation program grounded in evidence-based practices as well as findings from rigorous formative/summative program evaluation outcomes; and will establish and design a sustainable induction program for new teachers (years 1 & 2) and a retention program for career teachers (years 3-10).

Project Expected Outcomes:

Project REACH will identify needs, providing support and resources, to design and implement an effective teacher residency and induction program.

Project Partners: Mobile County Public School System, Tuscaloosa County School System, University Charter School