

Graduate Student Scientists in the Classroom: Sparking Interest in Science and Engineering



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12 Years of Teacher-University Partnership



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Central Role of the Graduate Student



College Graduation!



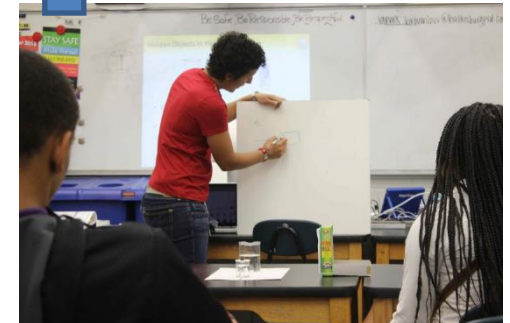
After school and summer research



Science fair mentoring



Engaging students



Teachers mentor grad students in the classroom



Grad Student



Teacher

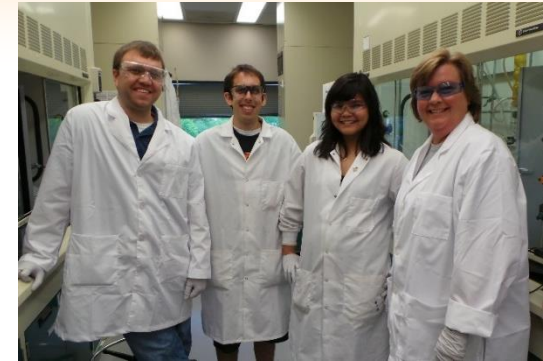


Grad students train teachers in the lab

RET Impact: Summer → School year



11 teachers
6 graduate students
6 faculty members



Classroom visits
2 - 3 classes, 2 semesters
> 1000 students



Field trips to USM
> 1000 students



MSTA
presentations
> 500 teachers

Annual Impact
Over 2500

Teacher-Graduate Student Partnerships



Graduate students learn how to teach

Impact on Students: Building the Pipeline

