

Teach Where It Matters

To support academically qualified teachers who wish to work with high-needs students and to encourage new Hofstra graduates to teach in high-needs school districts on Long Island, Hofstra University and the Horace Hagedorn Foundation have established the Hagedorn Teacher Fellowship Program.

In the course of our work with students and graduates in Long Island school districts, we have recognized that there are disparities between high-needs districts and other school districts. High-needs districts have higher teacher turnover and fewer resources; student scores are significantly lower on standardized tests in reading and math; and higher numbers of students with special needs fail to complete secondary school.

New York state has a commitment to “overturn unfair teaching” and directed teacher educators to inspire and prepare their students to “teach where it is hard, to teach where it matters.” The Horace Hagedorn Foundation partnership with Hofstra University will encourage promising teacher education students to accept that challenge.

Hofstra University’s School of Education has a long record of service to Long Island’s high-needs school districts: student teacher placements, in-service offerings, funded programs, University and district partnerships, and the support of Hofstra Network of Elementary Teachers and the Hofstra New Teacher Network (secondary education). The Hagedorn Teacher Fellowship Program will provide the financial support to students who are dedicating themselves to working with students in the greatest need.

The Hagedorn Teacher Fellowship Program’s loan forgiveness program, based on need, is designed to assist academically qualified students who plan to work in high-needs districts.

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*Only admitted undergraduate and
graduate students may apply for the
Hagedorn Fellow program.*



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The Hagedorn Teacher Fellowship Program

*Providing funding to allow new teachers to
make a difference at home on Long Island.*

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About the Hagedorn Teacher Fellowship Program

The Hagedorn Teacher Fellowship Program provides loans for undergraduate and graduate students who demonstrate academic excellence, financial need, a record of community service and a commitment to teaching in a high-needs school district. Upon graduation and recommendation for initial certification in one of Hofstra's teacher education programs, Hagedorn Teacher Fellows would be eligible for forgiveness of the equivalent of one year's loan based on each year of service in a designated high-needs school district.

Qualifying for the Hagedorn Teacher Fellowship

- ▶ Visit hofstra.edu/hagedornfellow to complete the application.
- ▶ Students must have already been admitted to Hofstra University and indicated interest in a program in the School of Education.
- ▶ Students must commit to applying to a program that leads to initial certification.
- ▶ Students must submit the FAFSA form. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Students must demonstrate financial need, academic ability, and the commitment to teach in a high-needs school district.
- ▶ During the teacher education program, students must serve part or all of their student teaching assignment in one of three high-needs school districts: Hempstead, Roosevelt or Wyandanch. If there are no positions available in one of the designated school districts, the Dean's Office in the School of Education will review and approve an alternative high-needs school district.
- ▶ Graduates receive the equivalent of one year's loan forgiveness for each year of service in a high-needs school district, pre-approved by the dean of the School of Education. Graduates are required to certify their compliance each year to receive loan forgiveness.



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Hagedorn Fellow Terms for Undergraduate Students

- ▶ Students may apply to be Hagedorn Fellows upon acceptance to the School of Education. In order to be accepted to the school, students must have a 2.75 GPA.
- ▶ Undergraduate students will receive up to \$5,000 in loans per year for up to four years. The Hagedorn Fellows loan may be applied to tuition only.
- ▶ After graduation, students will receive the equivalent of one year of loan forgiveness for each year of service in an approved high-needs school district.
- ▶ If a student withdraws from the School of Education or decides not to teach in a high-needs school district, interest is applied to the loan and payments begin upon graduation or withdrawal from Hofstra University.

To apply visit hofstra.edu/hagedornfellow.

Hagedorn Fellow Terms for Graduate Students

- ▶ Students may apply to be Hagedorn Fellows upon acceptance to Hofstra University for the Master of Science in Education teacher training programs that lead to initial certification or upon recommendation by the dean of the School of Education.
- ▶ Graduate students can receive up to \$10,000 in loans (up to \$5,000 per year). Loans would be applied in two installments. The first installment would be disbursed upon enrollment; the second installment after a student has earned 15 credits.
- ▶ After graduation, students will receive loan forgiveness equaling one installment of the loan for each year of service in an approved high-needs school district. As such, the loan would be forgiven after two years of service in a high-needs district.
- ▶ If a student withdraws from the School of Education, or decides not to teach in a high-needs school district, interest is applied to the loan and it is due upon graduation or withdrawal from Hofstra University.



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