



Dear Local Education Agency and Afterschool Program Leaders,

We are writing to share an exciting opportunity to provide additional support for your students. California Volunteers, Office of the Governor has launched the #CaliforniansForAll College Corps, a first of its kind service program that provides low-income college students with the opportunity to become College Corps Fellows and serve their community for an academic year while earning up to \$10,000 to help pay for college. Over the next two years, 48 inaugural College Corps partner colleges and universities across the state will deploy more than 6,000 College Corps Fellows to participate in addressing pressing statewide challenges, with a focus on K-12 Education, Climate Action, and Food Insecurity.

We estimate that at least 1,000 Fellows per year will choose to serve in K-12 Education, representing a significant influx of tutoring support to public schools across the state. College Corps Fellows will begin the program in Fall 2022 and will be asked to commit to a 15-hour / week service placement for the academic year. Fellows who serve as tutors can be key allies to statewide efforts to accelerate student learning post-pandemic and address long-standing achievement gaps. They can also model and support a college-going culture for first-generation K-12 students, and potentially be recruited into pathways that lead to the teaching profession to help address long-term statewide teacher shortages. Tutoring has been proven to be a powerful strategy to accelerate learning, and can take place during or outside the traditional school day, and inperson or virtually. As leaders of our public schools, we wanted to be sure that you were aware of this initiative and connected to the program leaders who will be deploying College Corps tutors in your area.

Please see the map below that lists College Corps partner campuses by region. Almost all of these partner campuses will have a group of Fellows working in K-12 Education, some of them through direct partnerships with local education agencies, and others through non-profit organizations leading afterschool programs, etc.

To foster new partnerships, and build on existing ones, we are requesting any partners interested in learning more about the program and opportunities for potential participation to provide contact information <u>here</u>. We will use the contact information to communicate updates about the program and bring together LEA and afterschool program administrators and College Corps program leads to discuss opportunities for collaboration.

## #CaliforniansForAll **CollegeCorps**







Please visit our website at <u>californiavolunteers.ca.gov/californiansforall-college-corps/</u> to learn more about College Corps and to view recent press coverage. We look forward to working together to strengthen K-12 Education across our state.

Sincerely,

California Volunteers, in partnership with California State Board of Education, the California Department of Education, and the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence