Those graduates are now teaching in public schools throughout Norfolk and Portsmouth.

“The grant is a unique collaboration of key stakeholders in Hampton Roads to improve the quality of teaching, increase teacher retention, and improve student achievement in high-need secondary schools in the region,” says Dr. Sharon Judge, Associate Dean of Graduate Studies in the Darden College of Education.

Students accepted into the program are compensated with a full tuition waiver, a laptop computer, and a $25,500 stipend for the year. This is on top of the hands-on mentorship experience provided through the program.

“I think the fact that I get an entire year student-teaching internship is the best thing any program could do for me,” says Dana Olson, who is currently in her final semester of the training program. Olson loves her experience with the program, “I am observed constantly by my various mentors and I am getting constant feedback and advice.”

The program is open to all students who have an undergraduate degree in a high needs subject area. These areas are: Mathematics, English, Social Studies, Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry, and Physics.

Graduate students who are currently working toward a Master’s degree in a high needs field and have made the decision to teach are strongly encouraged to apply to the program.

All students who apply for the program must have a deep commitment to teaching in a high needs school, as the program will require students to teach in Norfolk or Portsmouth schools for three years after completing the program.

For more information on the Teacher Immersion Residency Program please visit their website, at: education.odu.edu.
Important Dates For Graduate Students:

GSO Meetings:
March 15, 11:30 am James/Lynnhaven Rm.
April 19, 11:30 am U Center Conf. Rm.

GSO Events:
March 19: YNot Pizza Fundraiser
March 30: ODU Day at Richard Bowling
April 13: Relay for Life Participation

PFF Workshops
“The Academic Job Search: Discipline Specific Issues”
When: March 23, 12 pm - 2 pm
Where: Potomac York River Rm.

Graduate Roundtable For Arts and Letters
When: March 30, 3 pm - 5 pm
Where: Burgess Room, BAL 9024
Topic: Professional Conferences

Master’s and Doctoral Reception
May 2, 5:30 p.m. Baron and Ellin Art Galleries
RSVP by April 25
(757) 683-3097 or odualumni@odu.edu

Did you know?
The number of jobs requiring Master’s and Doctoral degrees will increase by 2% every year for the next six years.

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