

\$13,000 stipends awarded to future science and math teachers

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Six nontraditional students in the Alternative Careers in Teaching program (act!) received \$13,000 stipends funded through two National Science Foundation grants.

The stipends, which help defray students' academic and personal expenses, were awarded this semester to Kyle Curtis, David Graves, Jordan Kroll, Brenna Kunkel, Jennifer Vandeleest and Molly Wheaton.

A collaboration between the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh College of Education and Human Services and UW Colleges, the act! program enables nontraditional students with science, technology, engineering, and/or mathematics (STEM) backgrounds and five years' professional experience to work toward initial teaching licensure in math or science.

"Nontraditional students often have limited options for financial assistance as they transition to careers as professional math or science teachers," said Mike Beeth, UW Oshkosh College of Education and Human Services Curriculum and Instruction Professor and co-coordinator of the act! program. "The Noyce stipend program provides essential resources and encourages individuals to take positions in school districts with high need for math or science teachers."

Funds for the Robert Noyce stipends, awarded bi-annually, come from National Science Foundation grants awarded to the act! program. To qualify for the stipends, students must commit to teaching math for two years in a high-need school district.

To date, 40 students have received a total of \$468,000 from one of the two Robert Noyce National Science Foundation grants awarded to the act! program.

For information on act!, visit uwfox.uwc.edu/academics/act2teach. Questions regarding eligibility for an act!/Noyce Teacher Scholarship stipend should be directed to Michael Beeth, beeth@uwosh.edu, (920) 424-3326.

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