

Learn about the various programs that Temple students like you support and let us know how you'd like to get involved!

FOR YOUTH IN GRADES PK-8

Temple Reading Buddies (FathersRead365) *

CREATE's collaboration with FathersRead365 offers an opportunity for Temple undergraduate and graduate students to provide impactful early literacy experiences in local classrooms. At their placements, students will be matched with learners at partner early childhood education centers or kindergarten classrooms at Duckrey Elementary School. Volunteers will spend approximately five hours per week providing early literacy support and instruction to young learners.

Grandma's Kids

Grandma's Kids is an after-school program serving K-3rd grade students in North Philadelphia who are in kinship placements, foster care or single parent households. In collaboration with Temple students, they offer academic tutoring and enrichment, social-emotional learning opportunities, nutritional meals, field trips and events, celebrations and family engagement.

Future Focus

Future Focus is a six-week, in-person summer camp at Temple University for rising 7th, 8th and 9th graders from Philadelphia. The program offers career exposure opportunities, hands-on experiences and project-based learning. Future Focus seeks to foster students' exploration of career and educational opportunities, while strengthening their 21st century skills and preparing them as professionals in the workplace. Temple students mentor youth participants through their instruction, projects and activities.

Ignite Fellowship (Teach For America)*

Through CREATE's collaboration with Teach For America, Temple students serve as virtual tutors in The Ignite Fellowship program, engaging with children in K-8 classrooms either in Philadelphia or around the country.

FOR FAMILIES

Family Friends

Family Friends is a community outreach program that works with families raising children in kinship care (i.e., by family members other than their biological parents) and/or those who have special needs. Families are matched with a mentor that builds a long-term supportive relationship to decrease caregiver stress and isolation. Families also participate in in-home/community visits with their mentor, access to vital resources, monthly workshops and events, and respite trips/opportunities. Temple students support various programs by engaging the children in fun activities during community events.

Guiding Generations*

Guiding Generations, aka Project GG, is an intergenerational learning program designed for grandparents raising grandchildren. Families join a supportive learning network of peers, mentors, and leaders in the community. Enrolled families receive: educational workshops, caregiver support and opportunities to build social networks for grandparents, educational enrichment and social-emotional learning for their children, and respite trips and outings. Services are designed to empower second time caregivers to be confident, informed and effective partners in their children's learning and development. Temple students provide support by facilitating enrichment activities in both the adult and child learning environments.

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FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Thread*

Thread harnesses the power of relationships to create a new social fabric of diverse individuals deeply engaged with young people facing the most significant opportunity and achievement gaps. Our community is committed to ending social isolation and building a more equitable culture in which everyone thrives. By connecting students, university and community-based volunteers, and collaborators, Thread reconfigures the social support structure of all involved, breaking the cycle of crime, poor educational and economic outcomes and replacing it with a new cycle of educational attainment, service and social well-being. Volunteers form deep, enduring and emotionally sustaining relationships with Philadelphia high school students, volunteers and collaborators, and grow personally and professionally as part of the Thread community. Guided by the belief that "everybody has something to teach and everybody has something to learn," volunteers receive training and mentorship in Thread's Core Competencies and form relationships with students, collaborators throughout Philadelphia, and acquire leadership skills and strong ties to the larger Philadelphia community.

Upward Bound (UB) and Upward Bound Math and Science (UBMS)

The Temple UB and UBMS programs are college access programs that support first-generation, low-income and/or academically at-risk high school students from Philadelphia to pursue and succeed in achieving a college degree. UB supports students to enter any college major while UBMS prepares students for college majors and careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) fields. Year-round programming includes weekday after-school tutoring and college access programming, Saturday SAT preparation, and academic, college-readiness and social-emotional enrichment, and college visits. A six-week summer program with Temple staff/faculty includes career exploration/shadowing experiences, culminating with a multi-day trip touring college campuses. Services also include academic, financial and personal advising, college entrance exam preparation, and programming for parents/guardians to support. Temple students provide college readiness, tutoring and mentorship supports to 9th–12th grade participants on Main Campus.

Temple Education Scholars (TES)

TES is a year-long dual enrollment program for college-bound high school seniors from Philadelphia who aspire to teach. As part of the experience, participants take up to five education courses at Temple University to prepare for future college majors and careers as educators. Temple students provide college readiness, tutoring and mentorship supports to the Philadelphia 12th grader participants of TES on Main Campus daily between 1:30–5:00 p.m.

FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Next Steps

Next Steps AmeriCorps is a college success and retention program supporting rising college sophomores and juniors in their personal development and college journey. Next Steps engages students (i.e., Corps Members) in 300 hours (about 10–12 per week) of community service, mentorship, workshops and leadership development throughout the service year. Members are placed with a community-focused nonprofit partner organization to complete their service and attend several "all-Corps events" for professional development and group service activities. Each member is also matched with an incoming first-year student to provide mentorship throughout the year. The program is open to Temple students with permanent residence status who are Pell Grant eligible or qualify for Federal Work Study with preference given to first-generation students and those who attended local Philadelphia high schools.

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