

## ***Congratulations!***

The University of Central Florida (UCF) has been awarded the **Job-embedded Teacher Preparation Program** Race to the Top grant. The University of Central Florida, in partnership with the Florida Virtual School, Lake County School District, Orange County Public Schools, Seminole County Public Schools, and Volusia County Schools, will prepare high-performing content experts to teach mathematics and science in Florida's middle and high schools through the job-embedded project entitled ***Resident Teacher Professional Preparation Program (RTP3)***.

The Department congratulates UCF and its partners for their innovative thinking to redesign their Teacher Education Master's in Arts Teaching (MAT) program to explicitly connect content, pedagogy, and practice in meaningful ways.

This program will prepare 140 teacher residents through a scaffolded approach to build their confidence and expertise, while learning the curriculum, practicing pedagogy and understanding the developmental issues of secondary students, all with immediate feedback from a mentor teacher and a UCF faculty member. RTP3 residents will be expected to implement the Florida Educator Accomplished Practices (FEAPs) through the alignment to the teachers' new evaluation system.

Residents will be immersed in 'lesson study' professional learning communities, and will use technology extensively through a simulation/game-based learning approach. Residents will also participate in field-based activities of mathematics/science/engineering with corporations such as Lockheed Martin to provide resident teachers connections between content taught in 6-12 schools and application in STEM fields.