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Dear Student:

Please accept our congratulations on your acceptance to the most outstanding research university in the world! We have high hopes for what you will accomplish at the University of California and beyond.

In fact, the University and the State of California have a fantastic opportunity for our students to help pioneer one of the country's most innovative and enriching educational programs, known as *California Teach*. Our state needs each of you to become leaders in helping California meet the challenges ahead – and it all begins with teachers.

We encourage you to consider becoming a K-12 science or mathematics teacher. The choice to join one of the noblest of professions means touching the lives of thousands of California's future leaders. Job opportunities for undergraduates who have completed a baccalaureate or higher degree in science, mathematics or engineering and for highly qualified K-12 science and mathematics teachers are abundant and are expected to remain that way for years to come.

California Teach, the largest initiative of its kind in the nation, is prepared to support you with teaching-related coursework and K-12 classroom experience while you pursue your bachelor's degree in science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) disciplines. Since May 2005, *California Teach* has succeeded in recruiting exemplary science and mathematics teachers to mentor more than 1,500 STEM undergraduates considering teaching science and mathematics.

Through *California Teach* resources and services, you will enrich your professional profile by developing skills needed to be an inspiring and innovative teacher. *California Teach* brings together UC's STEM and education professors who are at the top of their research fields, along with classroom educators and corporate leaders, to create contemporary resources, services and support to enable your future career as a science and mathematics teacher.

We need the brightest minds to keep California the national and international leader in science, mathematics, technology and innovation. You have already shown the intellect, determination and drive to join the highly selective ranks of incoming UC students. Now we encourage you to share these qualities by joining those who work to inspire and educate future generations.

The *California Teach* program varies from campus to campus. You can find information for your campus online at <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/academics/1000teachers/>. We hope you will consider taking part in this exceptional opportunity and becoming part of *California Teach*.

Sincerely,

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State of California

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