2011. 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.
Graduate Funding

♦ Phi Kappa Phi Love of Learning Scholarship
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Award: $500 to 140 students
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♦ Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship
Eligibility: Phi Kappa Phi members starting graduate studies. No more than 9 credits by due date
Award: $5,000 to 51 students and $15,000 to 5 students
Due/Website: April 15, 2012, www.phikappaphi.org

♦ Institute for Learning in Retirement Graduate Scholarship Award
Eligibility: All students currently enrolled in an MA program.
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