The Teacher Opportunity Corps (TOC) program is a New York State Education Department grant funded program designed to increase the number of underrepresented and economically disadvantaged individuals in the teaching profession. Individuals in the following underrepresented groups will be given first priority (Priority Group 1): Asian; Black/African American; Hispanic/Latino, American Indian and Alaskan Native; Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander. Second priority (Priority Group 2) will be given to individuals who are economically disadvantaged, and third priority (Priority Group 3) will be given to individuals who are neither historically underrepresented nor economically disadvantaged.

PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY
- Be a New York State resident; specifically, those who have resided in New York State for at least 12 months immediately preceding the first term for which the applicant is seeking aid, and have an established domicile/permanent residence in New York
- Must be enrolled in a teacher preparation (certification) program at Teachers College
- Be committed to teaching in New York after graduation for at least 2 years, preferably in an urban setting

COMPONENTS OF THE AWARD
- 3 tuition points per semester for Teachers College courses
- $1000 stipend per semester
- Reimbursements for teacher certification exams

(Benefits of this award are only applicable for the terms a recipient is actively enrolled in the Teacher Opportunity Corps program and performing the internship responsibilities associated with the award.)

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS
- Participation in an internship at a partnership school near Teachers College (internship requirements will vary depending on the needs of the P-12 school)
- Attendance in professional development seminars that will take place at the same school as the internship

APPLICATION DEADLINES:
Summer/Fall 2017 -
PRIORITY: March 15th, 2017
FINAL: August 15th, 2017

Those who are eligible to apply for the Teacher Opportunity Corps program for the Summer 2017 or Fall 2017 terms should find the application form on their Admission Status Page (link to: https://apply.tc.edu/apply/) after they have completed their application for admission.