UPDATE

Arizona Teachers Academy (ATA) @ The University of Arizona

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Background

- Intended to provide (1) full tuition support and (2) post-graduation induction support

- 2017-2018: first cohort of 15 master’s students (MMD, Teach Arizona)

- Initially funded by the universities until Fall 2019
  - Partially funded by the state until 2021
  - Fully funded by the state from 2021 onwards
  - State funding is “last dollar”, i.e., most non-loan aid goes to tuition, with ATA covering the remaining balance
  - In addition to tuition and mandatory fees, ATA now also pays for exam fees, certification fees, and institutional recommendations
Average ATA Award (excludes Summers)

- **Graduate**
  - Fall 2019: $6,094.55
  - Spring 2020: $4,716.29
  - Fall 2020: $5,829.93
  - Spring 2021: $4,989.74
  - Fall 2021: $5,590.36
  - Spring 2022: $4,522.14
  - Fall 2022: $6,649.31
  - Spring 2023: $5,598.61

- **Undergraduate**
  - Fall 2019: $3,314.82
  - Spring 2020: $3,509.14
  - Fall 2020: $3,791.79
  - Spring 2021: $3,880.69
  - Fall 2021: $3,999.59
  - Spring 2022: $4,131.63
  - Fall 2022: $3,747.66
  - Spring 2023: $3,958.60
## Current Enrollment

- **Total ATA Students, 2021-2022:** 368
- **Total ATA Students, 2022-2023 (excl. Summer 2023):** 342

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<td>Elementary (Bachelor’s)</td>
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<td>Early Childhood (Bachelor’s)</td>
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Current Admissions Process

- **Graduate**
  - Teach Arizona: selected through application
  - All others: selected by programs

- **Undergraduate**
  - Generally selected through application (directors, advisors, recruiters included in *ad hoc* selection committees)
  - Spots reserved for Pathways and Bilingual students, recruited transfer students, students recommended by advisors
Current New Teacher Induction

- Universities are required to provide induction to ATA alumni during their first year of teaching; alumni participation is voluntary

- Each induction program is overseen by its “parent” professional program
  - Programs have historically received $1,500 per graduate from the state (this amount is dependent on funding availability)
  - Programs provide coaching services, professional development opportunities and stipends, access to resources, etc.
  - Induction limited by ABOR/UArizona policies re: “state” money
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<td>2023-2024 (projected)</td>
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Current Leveraging of ATA Funding

- Scholarship funding can provide free tuition for GYO programs, e.g., Pathways and ITEP

- Induction funding can be used to supplement funding for external professional development opportunities, e.g., those available through TREC-affiliated partners — eligible ATA alumni must be included as PD participants