Overview

The Lockheed Martin/University of Central Florida Academy for Mathematics and Science (LMA) is an education/industry/community partnership aimed at improving mathematics, science and technology education in Central Florida. This unique partnership serves as a model for the educational reforms proposed by both national and state agencies by providing schools in Central Florida with outstanding teacher-leaders who initiate, implement and sustain mathematics and science reform efforts. The innovative model of initial and advanced preparation at the master’s level could only be initiated and sustained through the support of visionary leadership from Lockheed Martin Corporation and the University of Central Florida (UCF). The profile for the funding and support of this project includes the following:

• The Lockheed Martin Corporation provided the stimulus for the development of the Academy concept and generously provided an endowment that insures the longevity of the program.

• The Board of Regents of the State University System of Florida provided matching funds to augment the endowment and enhance the capacity of the Academy to attain its goals.

• National Science Foundation (NSF) Teacher Enhancement grant provided funds for program development and for immediate implementation during the first four years.

• The University of Central Florida is committed to the support and development of the Academy by providing faculty support through new faculty lines, giving priority to course scheduling, and providing support for faculty travel to disseminate the research findings concerning this model project.

• Student intern certificates provide tuition support for Scholars.

• Four local school districts assist in the selection of outstanding teacher candidates, support the Scholar/Intern concept, and provide important links of communication to assist the Scholars, Scholar graduates, and program planning and design.

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K-8 Mathematics and Science, M.Ed. Program

The K-8 Mathematics and Science M.Ed. Program is one of two master’s degree programs supported by the Lockheed Martin/UCF Academy (LMA). Since its inception in 1992 by Founding Director, Dr. Michael Hynes, LMA Scholars have proven to be a well-recognized and highly motivated group of educators who continue to be active professionally and are strong leaders in the field of mathematics and science education.

The mission of the K-8 Mathematics and Science Education M.Ed. program is to improve the quality of mathematics and science teaching as well as leadership in Central Florida by providing opportunities to:

- Strengthen the quality of teaching and learning in mathematics and science.
- Create a network of school-based leadership in mathematics and science education.
- Increase the number of students choosing to enroll in mathematics and science courses that will prepare them for careers in mathematics, science and technology fields.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

To be considered, applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. Teach in a public schools
2. Teach in a Florida elementary classroom or teach mathematics or science in a middle school
3. Hold one or more of the following types of teaching certificates: Elementary K-6, Science 5-9, Science 6-12, Mathematics 5-9, or Mathematics

1. Will have taught a minimum of three years.
2. Must submit a completed University of Central Florida Graduate Admissions application packet.
3. For best consideration of financial assistance, submit a completed Lockheed Martin/UCF Academy application packet by due date assigned.

Lockheed Martin/UCF Mathematics and Science Academy Enhancement Program

Graduates of the Academy are eligible to receive $1000 to enhance their skills in mathematics and/or science.

Examples include:

- Workshops, Classes, Conferences, and Supplies

Expectations

- Coordinate with a LMA faculty member
- Give back to the Academy through a presentation for scholars.
- Provide student learning impact data

To apply, contact LMA@ucf.edu.

“Improving Mathematics and Science Education in Central Florida

The Lockheed Martin/UCF Academy supports two Master’s Degree Programs and one Enhancement Program that are dedicated to improving Mathematics and Science education in Central Florida.

Transition to Mathematics and Science Teaching

(TMAST) MAT Program T-MAST is an innovative, fast track, four semester graduate program for professionals who wish to transition into middle grade teaching that features:

- A master’s degree with embedded certificate designed for completion in four semesters.
- Accelerated, innovative classroom placement.
- Ongoing mentoring after graduation.
- Cohort design to promote the development of a professional community.
- One-year paid on-the-job internship.
- Active, multi-layered mentoring. Ongoing mentoring after graduation.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Specialization requirements for certificates in Mathematics or Science must have been met prior to admission to the TMAST program. There are several plans available. See www.fldoe.org for specific requirements to teach in Florida.