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### EnCorps STEM Teachers Program Receives Funding

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**SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA, CA – December 11, 2017 – EnCorps STEM Teachers Program announced today that it has received funding from Genentech** to support EnCorps' Teaching Fellowship in the Bay Area. EnCorps places experienced science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) professionals as teachers in high needs, low-income public schools, ensuring equal access to quality STEM education and inspiring children to pursue STEM careers. The professionals who participate in EnCorps' Teaching Fellowship represent our nation's top STEM experts: they have been employed an average of 17 years in STEM fields and 68% have earned a Masters or PhD degree. EnCorps' highly supportive Fellowship model has led to an industry-high 87% teacher retention rate, compared to a 50% retention rate nationally.

EnCorps Executive Director Katherine Wilcox says, "We are grateful for Genentech's belief in the work of the EnCorps STEM Teachers Program, and appreciate the continued support to ensure that every student has access to high-quality science and math education in California's public schools."

With help from the Genentech funding, EnCorps educators will impact more than 20,000 students in the Bay Area in the 2017-2018 program year, with a focus on under-resourced public schools. EnCorps is focused on increasing disadvantaged students' access to a first-rate STEM education that shows the real-world application of science and building the future workforce pipeline.

#### **About EnCorps STEM Teachers Program**

EnCorps helps solve California's critical shortage of STEM teachers by recruiting and training qualified STEM professionals and industry retirees and placing them in public school classrooms. EnCorps serves middle and high school students in Los Angeles, Orange County, Sacramento, San Diego, and the San Francisco Bay Area, with demand to scale nationally. To learn more about EnCorps and how you can support the program, please contact Director of Development, Grace McGlade at [grace.mcglade@encorps.org](mailto:grace.mcglade@encorps.org).