

# ARE YOU READY TO *Transform*

YOUR EDUCATION CAREER?



Yes? Then look no further!

Here at the **Krause Center for Innovation** we specialize in professional learning for educators. Since 2001, our **MERIT Program** has helped teachers bolster their curriculum with technology-enhanced learning activities to motivate, **challenge and inspire** the diverse learners and leaders of the future.

If you're ready to **embrace innovation** and **expand your support network**, apply for KCI's MERIT Program today.

**It's transformational.**



*Transforming*  
Teaching & Learning



KRAUSE CENTER *for* INNOVATION

WHAT TO EXPECT  
FROM THE  
**MERIT**  
PROGRAM

**ENGAGE**  
and inspire your  
students each  
and every day

**LEARN**  
from **instructors**  
who are **experts**  
in their fields

**EMBRACE**  
standards for **new curricula**  
and **feel confident** in  
your knowledge

**BENEFIT**  
from being an integral  
part of a **supportive**  
group of peer mentors

**ADOPT**  
new techniques and skills  
for **online, blended, and**  
**in-person teaching**

**UTILIZE**  
KCI's state-of-the-art  
**hybrid learning spaces**  
and **virtual meeting rooms**



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**LEARN MORE ABOUT KCI'S MERIT PROGRAM  
AND APPLY FOR THE NEXT COHORT!**



## WHAT IS THE MERIT PROGRAM?

As the premier educator development program at the Krause Center for Innovation, MERIT (previously named “Earn While You Learn”) provides technical skills in a vibrant participant-centered learning environment.

### MERIT (Making Education Relevant through Innovative Technology)

is a 10-month program that starts each spring, includes a two-week intensive summer institute, and continues with follow-up classes in the fall and winter quarters. The diverse TK-14 participants range in age and experience with technology. MERIT aims to make learning and teaching more dynamic and fun, demonstrating that engaging technology in the hands of a well-trained teacher can improve student learning.

## WHAT MAKES MERIT UNIQUE?

Our MERIT program offers participants the opportunity to engage as a learner and then debrief the learning as an instructor. We celebrate the importance of an inclusive, equity-based classroom, honoring differences, and translating both visible and invisible identity markers. MERIT provides flexible, project-based, hands-on learning through the use of key software and tools. The curriculum is designed to inspire participants with a focus on:

- Understanding how to empower all types of learners and the importance of mindfulness activities in the classroom
- Training on the importance of self-care for educators
- Utilizing accountability partners within your learning cohort
- Designing inclusive and responsive learning environments
- Strengthening your community by inspiring and motivating students



- Earning a California Certificate of Achievement as an Educational Technology Specialist (plus 12 continuing ed units) upon completion of program

## MERIT TOPICS & THEMES

- Digital media, podcasts, multimedia and empowering student voices
- Social media tips for students and educators
- Creativity, communication and collaboration
- Digital citizenship and digital literacy
- Student-centered learning activities
- Critical thinking and design thinking
- Innovation for all learners
- Emotional intelligence
- Problem solving



## WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

“  
KCI's MERIT Program  
was life-changing! Hands  
down the most enriching and  
impactful choice I've made in  
my teaching career. MERIT  
is a must for every  
educator.

“  
MERIT was  
so much fun!  
Makes me smile  
just thinking  
about it.

“  
Navigating  
remote learning during  
the pandemic was really  
challenging and stressful.  
KCI's MERIT team supported  
me every step of the  
way. I'm forever  
grateful.



**MERIT** welcomes  
participants throughout  
the state of California  
who serve TK-14  
learners in all  
capacities!





At the Krause Center for Innovation, we care deeply about our work and commit daily to the goal of **improving education in our communities.**

At the heart of KCI you'll find teachers who care. Founded by an educator, run by educators, and benefiting educators, KCI understands that it's about more than just subject matter expertise. Our team brings together some of the most talented and experienced professionals with the goal of improving education in our communities. Here at KCI we understand that the classroom truly is the place where systemic change begins, where ideas take shape, where growth is nurtured. Through partnerships and various collaborations, **KCI is constantly growing and expanding its reach, scope and services and making a big difference.**



To date, more than 23,000 teachers and countless students have benefited from KCI programs.

**NURTURING INNOVATION IN EDUCATION SINCE 2000**



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