**Interested?**

If you are interested in learning more about this program or have additional questions, please email Mohan Yang (yang1178@purdue.edu) for more information.

**NEXT STEP**

If you would like to participate in this volunteer program all you need to do is send your CV and a one page, mini biography of yourself, including why you want to be a part of this program, and a simple explanation of your research to Mohan Yang at yang1178@purdue.edu. This information will be used to match you with a middle school teacher for the Spring 2019 semester.

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**IMPACT OF THE GK-12 PROGRAM:**

**Teacher:** “I am certainly not the same teacher that I was before this experience... (this has) changed the way that I approach the education of my students”

**Graduate Student:**

“participating in GK12 was the single best decision I have made in my professional life and it will forever influence my career path in the future”

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**Participating Middle School:**

Tecumseh Jr. High School  
2101 S. 18th St.  
Lafayette, IN 47905

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**GK-12 Program**  
(Graduate Student Engagement in K-12)

**Teachers and Graduate Students Working Together to Enhance Education**

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Purdue University  
Graduate School
**GK-12 Program**

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**PROGRAM TIMELINE**

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