

**Introduction:** TutorMate is a web based tutoring system that relies on full-time working professionals to volunteer 30 minutes per week as online reading tutors to at-risk 1st grade students in large urban partner school districts – all during the school day! Each volunteer will work with the same student throughout the school year, and they will have the opportunity to meet in person at the end of the school year. Other participating companies include: Boeing, GM, Lockheed Martin, Lear Corp, Fiat-Chrysler, Cisco, UPS, Google, Apple, Merck, and Eli Lilly. The TutorMate program is a literacy program that later in the school year also includes STEM stories that GA employees can personalize with their students.

**GA Previous Involvement:** GA first participated in the TutorMate program during the 2017-2018 school year. 27 GA&A employees participated in a very rewarding experience by tutoring their students, who were at 3 different schools in the Santa Ana district.

**School District:** GA employees will work with 1 or more schools in the Santa Ana school district.

**Videos and Links:** For an inspirational introduction to the program please visit <https://vimeo.com/189654081>

For additional information about the program visit: [TutorMate](#)

Frequently asked questions are answered at: [tutormate.info/faqsinterested](http://tutormate.info/faqsinterested)

To see how this program has affected students, view this [video](#) of the Atlanta Schools Chief talking about TutorMate.

If you would like to find out what this experience is like from an employee who has participated in this activity, please contact Nathaniel Brown at [Nathaniel.Brown@ga-asi.com](mailto:Nathaniel.Brown@ga-asi.com)

For additional information, visit the TutorMate section of the GA Sciences Education Foundation [GASSSS](#) web site.

**Signing Up: *Registration for the 2018-2019 school year will be open on July 9, 2018.*** If you want to participate, please sign up for the program at <http://tutormate.org/register>. You will then type your info using your WORK email, and for Tutor Group, you should first enter the letter G, then select "**General Atomics - Santa Ana**". Also select that you want to be a tutor.

After you register, you will need to complete an online background check, undergo some on-line training, and then you will get your student assignment!

Please complete the registration process by September 14, 2018.

Tutoring will begin in the late-September to mid-October 2018 time frame.

**Charging your time and using your company computer and phone:**

Participation in this program is entirely voluntary. If you decide to participate in this program, you may apply to use a charge number provided by GASSSS for up to 8 hours in calendar year 2018 (the equivalent of 16 30-minute tutoring sessions). You can also apply for support in calendar year 2019 for an additional 8 hours. Note that the GASSSS program provides a total of up to 8 hours of support per employee per calendar year for STEM related activities.

Participants are typically paired-up with an individual student for the duration of the school year, and engage in one 30-minute session with such student each week until the conclusion of the

school year. If the number of anticipated weekly sessions during a school year exceeds the amount of time chargeable to the GASSSS-provided charge number, participants should expect to participate in those sessions on their own time.

To apply to use the charge number, please fill out a GASSSS application form at:  
<http://www.sci-ed-ga.org/gassss>

You should expect to use your company computer and phone to participate in this program. These uses are approved and allowed.

**Program support:** The GA Sciences Education Foundation is funding this program.

**Other outreach opportunities:** Other mentoring and outreach opportunities are listed [here](#)