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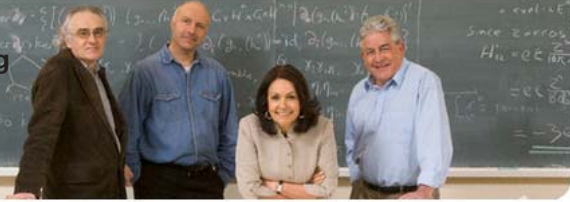
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[Teachers](#) from Alameda County in California have been working on research projects at major technology companies and universities as part of the 27th [Industry Initiatives for Science and Math Education](#) (IISME) annual summer fellowship program, according to the Oakland Tribune.

The initiative aims to provide teachers with real-world experience in science and [math](#) project research to enhance their pupils' learning experiences in the classroom. A total of 36 teachers from Alameda County and 14 [educators](#) from Fremont took part in the initiative. Companies that participated in the program included Cisco Systems, Hewlett Packard, Lockheed Martin and Intel. Some teachers worked at [educational](#) institutions such as the University of California at Berkeley and Stanford University.

"I would say the biggest thing I learned this summer is to get a feel of what the students go through," said Henry Fung, a science, math and technology [teacher](#) from Irvington High [School](#) who participated in the program. "Sometimes, after [teaching](#) for a while, we forget what it feels like to be a learner," he said, as quoted by the newspaper.

According to the official IISME website, the program was founded in 1985, and has offered 2,970 fellowships to teachers from 650 schools from 122 districts. Through the educators who have participated in the initiative, ideas developed during the program have reached more than 2 million schoolchildren.

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