



TESA 2025 FAQs

Why is the TESA schedule different this year?

The expanded TESA schedule will empower students to develop more robust research projects. Feedback from previous years suggests that an extended data collection period will allow for a more meaningful research experience. Although the new program schedule is spread over a 10-week period, the total number of sessions is nearly equal to previous years.

Are program fees changing this year too?

No, TESA program fees will remain the same at \$2,000 for Teatown members and \$2,200 for non-members. With the expanded TESA schedule, participants will now have the option to receive 3 college credits through Pace University for an additional tuition fee. This cost is completely optional and not a TESA program requirement.

What can TESA participants expect in June?

We will host four, two-hour classes on Wednesday evenings in June (8 hours total). These sessions will be hosted at Pace University and taught by Michael Rubbo, PhD (Dyson College of Arts and Sciences, Clinical Professor) and Erin Snyder, MS (Teatown, Environmental Research Scientist). Classes will be a combination of lecture and research project development. Students can expect weekly reading assignments to complement in-person classes. Developing research questions while schools are still in session will also allow students to collaborate with their Science Research teachers. With this format, students will design their research projects before summer data collection begins at Teatown.

What can TESA participants expect in July and August?

June 30 – July 3 and August 4 – August 8 will be full weeks with class meetings every day (see the [TESA 2025 Schedule and Program Overview](#) calendar for more details). We will have open lab days on Tuesdays and Thursdays July 8 – July 31. Participants will be required to attend at least one open lab day per week. Dr. Michael Rubbo, Erin Snyder, and other Teatown Science & Stewardship program staff will be available on open lab days to support students with experiment implementation, data collection, and analyses. Teatown will host a final poster symposium and celebration during the final week of the program (see above calendar).