

Fulbright Language Teaching Assistant Program 2012

The American Center of the U.S. Embassy in Dhaka is pleased to announce the competition for the Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Program for 2012-2013. The primary focus of the FLTA program is to strengthen foreign language instruction at U.S. colleges and universities and some high schools while providing teachers of English with the opportunity to refine their skills, increase their English language proficiency, and extend their knowledge of the cultures and customs of the United States.

FLTA fellows from Bangladesh will predominantly teach Bangla language classes to American students. The fellows and the students will have a unique opportunity to learn about each other's cultures and customs and to build mutual understanding between the U.S. and Bangladesh. Fellows may teach up to two classes per semester and are required to enroll in at least two courses per semester, one of which must be in U.S. studies. The remaining course work must relate to their careers in English language teaching. They will also interact with the host community in conversation groups, extracurricular activities and community outreach projects. FLTA is a non-renewable, nine-month, non-degree program. All FLTA fellows will receive a monthly stipend, accident and sickness insurance, and travel support. U.S. host institutions will provide tuition waivers to support the required coursework.

Interested candidates must be teachers of English or in training to become teachers of English either at the secondary (ninth to twelve grade teachers) or university level. They should possess a master's degree or a four-year bachelor's degree in English by August of 2010. Applicants must be between 23-29 years of age and have fluency in English. They should be residing in their home country throughout the nomination and selection process. The fellows are required to return to their home country upon completion of the nine-month program. Please note that family members are not allowed to accompany fellows during this program.

An online application for the FLTA program is available at <https://apply.embark.com/student/fulbright/flta/>. Detailed instructions on how to fill out the online application form and the link to the online application site are available at http://dhaka.usembassy.gov/educational_cultural_exchanges.html. The deadline for submitting an online application is **Thursday, July 7, 2011**.

In order to qualify, applicants will need to complete TOEFL or IELTS tests and have a minimum score of 92-93 iBT TOEFL or 7.0 IELTS. These tests need to be completed by August 31. If available, candidates are requested to submit a copy of their TOEFL score with their online application.

In addition to the online application, prospective candidates must also submit the following supplemental forms by **July 7**:

Please **upload** the following documents:

1. copies of **Academic Transcripts** and **Certificates** from each post-secondary institution (bachelors and masters)
2. Personal Information Form (available online)

3. **Three Letters of Recommendation** – online submission is strongly preferred; however, reference letters can be submitted to the following address:

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The American Center
U.S. Embassy Annex
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After a preliminary review, selected candidates will be asked to sit for a test of spoken and written Bangla. Short-listed candidates will be called for an interview, and final nominations will be made on the basis of the interview. Candidates will be notified of their status by March of 2012.

The FLTA program will begin in August of 2012. Selected FLTA fellows are required to attend an orientation during the summer before arriving at their host institution. They will also attend a mid-year enrichment workshop in the U.S. to share and discuss foreign language teaching best practices and their current teaching experiences with other FLTA fellows.

For any further information, please contact Cultural Affairs Specialist, Ms. Shaheen Khan at KhanSA@state.gov, or, 8855500, ext. 2811.

We look forward to receiving applications from exceptional candidates.