



Announcement: International Leaders in Education Program (ILEP) FY: 2014

The American Center of the U.S. Embassy, Dhaka is pleased to announce the International Leaders in Education Program, which is a semester-long training program for high school teachers sponsored by the U.S. Department of State. This program begins in January and ends in May 2014.

The International Leaders in Education Program (ILEP) will provide teachers from the Near East, South Asia, and Southeast Asia with unique opportunities to develop expertise in their subject areas, enhance their teaching skills and increase their knowledge about the United States. The program consists of a semester-long academic program at a U.S. university and will include coursework and intensive training in teaching methodologies, lesson planning, teaching strategies for the home environment, and leadership development, as well as the use of computers for Internet, word processing and as tools for teaching. This program will also include an eight-week internship at a secondary school to engage participants actively with American teachers and students. Visit to U.S. cultural sites and academic support will also be provided for participants throughout the program.

Financial provisions of this fellowship include: J-1 visa support, a pre-departure orientation held in participant's home country, round-trip airfare to and within the U.S., a Welcome Orientation in Washington, D.C., academic program fees, housing (generally shared with other program fellows) and meals, accident and health insurance, transportation to the internship school (if necessary), a book/professional development allowance, a closing seminar hosted by one of the TEA host universities in the U.S., the opportunity to host a U.S. teacher for two weeks, and the opportunity to apply for follow-on grants.

Applicants must meet the following criteria in order to be eligible for the program:

- be a secondary-level, full-time teacher with five or more years of classroom experience teaching in disciplines including **English as a Foreign Language, social studies, civics, mathematics and science;**
- be a citizen of Bangladesh;
- be, typically, under 45 years of age;
- be proficient in written and spoken English. The program requires English language skills adequate to live and function independently in the U.S and ability to express ideas clearly and effectively in university and professional settings;
- have skill in general use of computer such as use of mouse, keyboard type, word processing, creating and deleting files and folders, creating new documents in Microsoft Word and internet browsing.

- have submitted a complete application that includes a completed application form, CV, completed recommendation and institutional support form, a photocopy of passport up to page 5, and a passport sized photo;

Please note that this is a program for practicing teachers. Ministry of Education officials, educational administrators, and full-time teacher trainers, university faculty and private English language tutors are not eligible.

Short-listed candidates will need to sit for the IELTS test. A minimum IELTS score of 5.5 is required to participate in ILEP program. However, a candidate having a valid TOEFL / IELTS score will not be required to take the test. American Center will do the arrangement for IELTS test.

Applicants must follow the application instructions and submission guidelines. Applications not meeting the above technical eligibility requirements will not be forwarded to the selection committee.

Please nominate no more than two teachers who meet all of the above requirements from your school/college and send their application to **the American Center** (*The American Center, U.S. Embassy Annex, J Block, Progoti Sharoni, Baridhara, Dhaka-1212.*) by **Monday, March 25, 2013**. You will find the soft copy of the announcement and application form at the following website:
http://dhaka.usembassy.gov/educational_cultural_exchanges.html

Please note that the deadline of the competition will be strictly maintained. **Please do not nominate teachers if you are not confident about their English ability.** You may re-nominate individuals nominated last year. This is a worldwide competition, and the candidates will have to go through a rigorous screening process. The finalists will be notified at the end of August 2013.

After review of applications, short-listed candidates will be called for an interview. For further information on the program, please contact Cultural Affairs Assistant Ms. **Tahnia Shahid** at the American Center at **8855500 Ext.2808** or e-mail: ShahidTX@state.gov).

Sincerely,

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