



The American Center, Dhaka

Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Program

The Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Program enables young educators to refine their teaching skills, increase their English language proficiency and extend their knowledge of the cultures and customs of the United States while engaging in non-degree studies at accredited post-secondary U.S. educational institutions. The FLTA fellowship is offered to teachers of specific fields including English (more details below) at the university level.

What will the FLTAs experience during the program?

FLTA fellows from Bangladesh will predominantly teach Bangla language classes to American students. Fellows and students will have a unique opportunity to learn about each other's cultures and customs and to build mutual understanding between the United States and Bangladesh. FLTAs may also act as resource persons in conversation groups, cultural representatives, attendants in language laboratories coordinators of extra-curricular activities, guest speakers in civilization courses, heads of language clubs, houses, tables and much more. 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 teaching careers in Bangladesh. Fellows will also interact with the host community in conversation groups, extracurricular activities and community outreach projects.

Eligible Fields

Anthropology	Communications
Computer Sciences/Technology	Education
Teacher Training	Educational Administration
Humanities	Languages
Literature	Social Sciences
Social Work /Sociology	

Who is eligible to apply?

To be eligible to apply for the FLTA Fellowship, interested candidates must:

- Be Bangladeshi citizens under 29 years of age.
- Have at least four years of post-secondary academic background.
- Be teachers of English or other fields specified above.
- Be fluent in English, as demonstrated by a score of no less than 80 IB TOEFL or 7.0 ELTS.
- Have limited prior experience in the United States.
- Be committed to returning to Bangladesh upon completion of the program.
- Not be dual citizens or permanent residents of the United States or any other country.
- Ministry of Education officials, educational administrators, and full-time teacher trainers are not eligible to apply.

FLTA does NOT allow dependents on this program

Fellows are nominated by the U.S. Embassy in Dhaka based on their potential for leadership and academic excellence. Final decisions are made by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.



Program Snapshot

- 29 Bangladeshis have studied and taught as FLTAs since 2005.
- Historically Bangladeshi FLTAs have taught at: Indiana University, Stanford university, University of Georgia, Michigan State University, and University of Texas at Austin.
- FLTAs teach Bangla to American Students. They take courses on U.S. studies and English language teaching.

Applications are typically due on mid August for Fellowships that will begin July/ August of the following year. Application materials can be found at:

http://dhaka.usembassy.gov/programs_for_undergrad_grad_students.html

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