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English Language Fellow Program

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Host Institution Information

EL Fellows

English Language Fellows are U.S. educators who have graduate degrees with a focus in teaching English as a foreign/second language (TEFL/TESOL) and have a wide variety of professional experience. They provide foreign educators, professionals, and students with the communication and teaching skills they need to participate in the global economy, and to improve their access to diverse perspectives on a broad variety of issues. Through personal interaction, they enable everyone with whom they come in contact to better understand American values, democratic representative government, free enterprise, and the rule of law.

The English Language Fellow Program fosters mutual understanding between the people of the United States and those of other countries by sending talented, highly qualified U.S. educators in the field of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) on ten-month fellowships to overseas academic institutions in all regions of the world. The Program promotes English language learning and enhances English teaching capacity abroad. Through U.S. embassy projects, Fellows share their expertise, hone their skills, gain international experience, and learn other cultures. Upon returning to the United States, they share their experiences and acquired knowledge with their communities and professional colleagues.

Fellowship Duties

Fellows typically serve as full-time (up to 20 classroom contact hours per week) ESL/EFL instructors and may also be engaged in some teacher training; ESP instruction in the fields of law, management, economics, medicine, tourism; curriculum/materials development; test design; assessment; evaluation; research; English club or American Corner programming; summer camps; and other outreach projects.

Benefits

Through partnerships with host institutions, the program provides the EL Fellow with the following basic benefits:

- basic stipend paid in U.S. currency;
- living allowance, varying from country to country;
- international roundtrip transportation from Fellow's U.S. residence to the host country;
- supplemental health benefit while abroad (not to replace any health insurance held by the Fellow); and
- miscellaneous allowances (shipping, educational materials, in-country program activities, and pre-departure expenses).

Fellowship Period

Assignments are for a ten-month period, typically from September through June, following a mandatory pre-departure briefing in Washington, DC. In countries with a southern hemisphere academic cycle, the assignments may be from February through November.

Host Country Institutions

Projects are carried out with host-country universities, teacher training institutions, ministries of education, NGOs, binational centers, and other language teaching institutions. Host institution representatives work with U.S. Embassy and U.S. Consulate Public Affairs Sections to develop specific projects for English Language Fellows at their institutions. Host institutions must have the institutional infrastructure and human resources to make effective use of the outside talent and ideas, to integrate foreign educators into its program, and to make a firm commitment to some level of cost sharing, which may include housing, utilities, food, local transportation, and/or local salary. Cost sharing can also be in the form of in-kind contributions.

Contact Information

For additional information about hosting an English Language Fellow, please contact your local U.S. Embassy or U.S. Consulate Public Affairs Section, or U.S. Embassy Regional English Language Officer (RELO).

Contact information for U.S. Embassies and Consulates can be found at http://usembassy.state.gov/.

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Further information about this and other U.S. State Department English language programs can be obtained at englishprograms.state.gov or by email at english@state.gov