TEACHING EXCELLENCE AND ACHIEVEMENT (TEA) PROGRAM

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PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Teaching Excellence and Achievement (TEA) Program provides international teachers with unique opportunities to develop expertise in their subject areas, enhance their teaching skills, and increase their knowledge about the United States. TEA consists of a six-week non-degree, non-credit customized academic program including seminars on new teaching methodologies, curriculum development, lesson planning, and instructional technology. Participants will also take part in a practicum in a U.S. secondary school near their host university to work closely with U.S. teachers and teach and present to U.S. students. Cultural enrichment, mentoring, and support will be provided throughout the program. The international participants will travel to the United States in two cohorts of approximately 80 teachers each in the spring or fall 2017.

Upon returning home, TEA program alumni are eligible to apply for small grants for essential teaching materials, follow-on training for other teachers, collaborative projects between schools in their home country and the United States, and other activities that build on their U.S. experience.

The TEA fellowship is fully funded and provides:

- 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 sickness medical insurance coverage;
- Transportation to the teaching practicum school (if necessary);
- A daily allowance for meals and incidentals during the academic program;
- A baggage/shipping allowance (domestic and international);
- A book/professional development allowance; and

Application Deadline: April 15, 2016

To Apply: Applications for the Teaching Excellence and Achievement Program can be obtained and submitted by contacting: http://oas.irex.org/tea or write Lydia Sichali, SichaliLA@State.gov

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- **Current secondary-level, full-time teachers with five or more years of classroom experience in English, English as a Foreign Language (EFL), Math, Science, Social Studies, or Special Education;**

- **Citizens of and residents in** Malawi

- **Proficient in written and spoken English with a minimum score of 450 on the paper-based TOEFL or an equivalent exam;***

- **Continue teaching after completion of the program; and**

- **Have submitted a complete application.**

  ***A limited number of Fellows with a TOEFL score between 425 and 450 will be accepted for the program and will receive additional English language instruction.**

The Teaching Excellence and Achievement Program promotes diversity in the classroom and in learning. The TEA Program supports inclusion and strongly encourages teachers with disabilities to apply.