INTERNATIONAL LEADERS IN EDUCATION PROGRAM (ILEP)

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PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The International Leaders in Education Program (ILEP) 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. ILEP consists of a semester-long non-degree, non-credit academic program at a U.S. University including seminars on new teaching methodologies, curriculum development, lesson planning, and teaching strategies. Participants will audit two courses in the host university's School or Department of Education and participate in a practicum in a U.S. secondary school near the host university. All participants will also receive a technology allowance and instructional technology training. Cultural enrichment, mentoring, and support will be provided throughout the program. ILEP will commence in January 2015 and conclude in May 2015.

Upon returning home, ILEP 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 ILEP 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 Program workshop in Washington, D.C.;
- Academic program fees;
- Housing (generally shared with other program fellows) and meals;
- Accident and sickness medical coverage;
- Transportation to the field experience school (if necessary);
- A daily allowance for meals and incidentals during the University program;
- A technology allowance;
- A book/professional development allowance;
- A baggage/shipping allowance (domestic and international);
- A Closing Workshop in Washington, D.C.; and
- The opportunity to apply for alumni small grants.

Application Deadline:

To Apply: Applications for the International Leaders in Education Program can be obtained and submitted by contacting: The U.S. Embassy Dakar by emailing: diakhatefk@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
- In Senegal, recruitment will be conducted in Kaolack, Fatick, and Kaffrine
- Proficient in written and spoken English with a paper-based TOEFL score of 500 or higher (61 iBT);
- Continue teaching after completion of the program; and
- Have submitted a complete application.