



Legal Education and Development (LEAD) Short-term English Program (STEP)

LEAD STEP is a new opportunity that provides a short-term comparative law experience with intensive legal English study.

Applications are now available for the Spring 2012 program.



The Legal Education and Development (LEAD) Short-term English Program (STEP) provides legal professionals with training in the American legal system through intensive legal English courses in the United States. The program is open to current resident citizens of Tajikistan.

The purpose of the program is to strengthen rule of law culture in Tajikistan by providing exceptional legal professionals with a broader understanding of comparative systems of law and increased opportunities to discuss Tajik and US law.

LEAD STEP is a program of IREX and the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI) and is funded by the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) of the US Department of State.

Participants are selected through an open, merit-based application process.

LEAD STEP Fellows will:

- Enroll in a sixteen-week intensive English language program with a focus on legal writing and vocabulary;
- Participate in a four-week American Law and Legal English Program;
- Visit legal institutions and professionals in Washington, DC and New York, NY to see the American legal system in action; and
- Participate in a community service project.

The Fellowship is fully funded and provides:

- J-1 visa support;
- Round-trip travel from the Fellow's home city in Tajikistan to the host institution in the US;
- Monthly living stipend;
- Accident and sickness coverage;
- Tuition and mandatory university fees;
- Limited allowance for textbooks; and
- Alumni networking and training opportunities.

Application Deadline: 5:00 PM in Dushanbe on Monday, January 30, 2012

Applications for the Legal Education and Development (LEAD) Short-term English Program (STEP) can be obtained from and submitted to the IREX or ABA ROLI offices in Tajikistan. See application instructions for eligibility requirements and selection criteria.

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