

E-TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Program Purpose

Under the auspices of the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, the Office of English Language Programs offers seven innovative, on-line, graduate level classes to English teaching professionals abroad through two different U.S. universities. The E-Teacher Scholarship Program explores seven major areas of the academic specialty of Teaching English as a Foreign Language (See a separate document for descriptions of the seven courses).

The courses introduce the most recent English language teaching methods and techniques, offer the opportunity to engage in an innovative distance-learning program that employs the latest in modern technology, and provide direct access to U.S. experts with whom participants might not normally have the opportunity to interact.

Program Conditions

The 10-week courses will be offered in the fall of 2010 and the winter, spring, and summer of 2011, though not all seven courses will be offered each term. Participant costs are covered by the U.S. State Department. This includes tuition and the costs of any course materials sent from the institution, including CD-ROMs and books. Participants who successfully complete the course will receive a certificate of participation directly from the course providers.

Course materials will include, but are not limited to, the following:

- downloadable or posted syllabi, assignments, and course readings;
- asynchronous and some synchronous contact between instructors and participants, between other experts and participants, and among participants;
- lectures via real-time, text, or audio-enhanced text;
- use of a bulletin board to post notes, assignments, feedback, etc.;
- information on additional web-based resources;
- Department of State resources for English teachers.

All materials will emphasize a learner-centered approach and will be in English.

26 of the E-Teacher course participants worldwide will be selected to attend a three-week professional development workshop in the U.S. in the summer of 2011.

Participant Requirements

Candidates for E-Teacher scholarships should be teacher trainers or teachers who are working, or plan to work, with one of the seven subjects covered by the courses. They should be highly motivated

individuals who are dedicated both to their own professional development and to sharing the knowledge gained with colleagues through workshops or professional presentations. Candidates should also be committed to fulfilling the program requirements (dedicating on average 8-10 hours of work per week) and completing the course. In addition, candidates should meet the following criteria:

- ability to do academic work at a U.S. university (an advanced level of reading and writing, roughly equivalent to a minimum TOEFL score of 550);
- general understanding of technical terms in English relating to computers and the Internet;
- good command of the necessary vocabulary for each of the seven topics.

Computer fundamentals:

- regular access to e-mail and the high-speed Internet;
- ability to navigate in Windows or other appropriate programs and create a Word document;
- basic familiarity with the Internet and web browsers;
- ability to type in English well enough to perform online tasks in real-time and to submit written assignments in a timely manner.

How to apply

To apply, download and fill out the application form. Please submit applications electronically to KyivRELO@state.gov by July 25, 2010. If you do not receive an e-mail confirmation of receipt of your application, please call (044) 490-4145. Selection will be done on the basis of a phone interview. A successful primary candidate and one alternate candidate per course will be notified about the results of selection via e-mail by August 30, 2010