

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 nine innovative, on-line, graduate level classes to English teaching professionals abroad through two different U.S. universities. The E-Teacher Scholarship Program explores nine major areas of the academic specialty of Teaching English as a Foreign Language (See a separate document for descriptions of the eight 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 2013 and the winter, spring, and summer of 2014, though not all nine courses will be offered each term.

Fall 2013: October 7 – December 13

Winter 2014: January 6 – March 14

Spring 2014: April 7 – June 13

Summer 2014: June 23 – August 29

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:

- a. Downloadable or posted syllabi, assignments, and course readings
- b. Asynchronous and some synchronous contact between instructors and participants, between other experts and participants, and among participants
- c. Lectures via real-time, text, or audio-enhanced text
- d. Use of a bulletin board to post notes, assignments, feedback, etc.
- e. Information on additional web-based resources
- f. 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 fall of 2014.

Participant Requirements

Candidates for E-Teacher scholarships should be current ELT professionals (e.g., teachers, teacher trainers, program administrators) who are working, or plan to work, with one of the nine 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 all program requirements which include dedicating at least 8-10 hours to course work per week.

In addition, ALL candidates must meet the following criteria:

- a. Be a citizen of and reside in the nominating country at the time of the course (e.g., a teacher nominated by a post in Egypt must be an Egyptian citizen residing locally during the course).
- b. Not hold dual citizenship in the United States.
- c. Possess required English language abilities:
 - High intermediate to advanced English language skills, particularly in reading and writing; be able to complete academic work at a U.S. university level (approximately equivalent to a 525 TOEFL / 70 TOEFL iBT)
 - General understanding of English technical terms relating to digital technology and the Internet
- d. Meet internet access and technology skills requirements:
 - Regular access (4-5 times/week) to a reliable, up-to-date computer with high-speed internet connectivity. In some cases, posts may need to help arrange for regular computer access at an Information Resource Center, American Space, or other location
 - Basic technology skills related to email, internet searches and downloads/uploads, logins/passwords, and e-file use (e.g., .pdf, MS Word, Excel). Practical Applications in Listening and Speaking Skills (PALSS, see paragraph 8 for course descriptions) participants require access to real-time tools such as Skype.
 - Ability to type in English well enough to perform online tasks and to submit written assignments in a timely manner.

More details on specific requirements for each course are provided along with the course descriptions.

How to apply

To apply, fill out the Application Form and send it with your CV to KyivRELO@state.gov by July 25, 2013. In the subject line please indicate the name of the program “E-Teacher Scholarship 2013-14”, your last name, and the course title acronym. For example:

E-Teacher Scholarship 2013-14, SHEVCHENKO, TEYL

Please indicate which session (fall, winter, spring, or summer) you would prefer for your participation. Please note: we cannot guarantee that we will be able to meet your preference. Selected candidates will be notified of their acceptance into each course by e-mail or by phone shortly before the course begins.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: JULY 25, 2013