

# *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 eight innovative, on-line, graduate level classes to English teaching professionals abroad through two different U.S. universities. The E-Teacher Scholarship Program explores eight 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 2012 and the winter, spring, and summer of 2013, though not all eight courses will be offered each term.

Fall 2012: October 1, 2012 – December 7, 2012

Winter 2012: January 7 – March 15, 2013

Spring 2013: April 1 – June 7, 2013

Summer 2013: June 24 – August 30, 2013

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 summer of 2013.

## **Participant Requirements**

Candidates for E-Teacher scholarships should be teacher trainers or teachers who are working, or plan to work, with one of the eight 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 10-15 hours of work per week) and completing the course. In addition, ALL candidates should meet the following criteria:

- a. Ability to do academic work at a U.S. university
- b. High Intermediate to Advanced level of English
- c. Regular access to e-mail and the high-speed Internet
- d. General understanding of technical terms in English relating to computers and the Internet. Knowledge of email, web browsers, and file management.
- e. Ability to type in English well enough to perform online tasks in real-time 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, download and fill out the application form. Please submit applications electronically to [KyivRELO@state.gov](mailto:KyivRELO@state.gov) by July 30, 2012. In the subject line please indicate the name of the program “E-Teacher Scholarship 2012-13” and your last name.

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.