The Fulbright TEA Program brings international secondary-level teachers to the United States for a six-week program to take academic seminars for professional development at a host university and to observe and share their expertise with teachers and students at the host university and at local secondary schools.

Program Activities and Timeline

General academic seminars focusing on new teaching methodologies, student-centered learning, content-based instruction, lesson planning, and instructional technology training for teachers.

A practicum of at least 40 hours with a U.S. partner teacher in local secondary schools.

A variety of relevant professional development and cultural activities.

Accepting applications .................................. December 2019 – April 2020
Applicants notified ........................................... September 2020
Spring 2021 Cohort Program ................................. January – March 2021
Fall 2021 Cohort Program ..................................... September – October 2021
Eligible Countries and Territories
Algeria • Argentina • Armenia • Bangladesh • Belarus • Bolivia • Burkina Faso • Burma • Cambodia • Cameroon • Chile • Colombia • Costa Rica • Cote d’Ivoire • Ecuador • Egypt • El Salvador • Georgia • Ghana • Guatemala • Haiti • Honduras • India • Iraq • Jordan • Kazakhstan • Kyrgyzstan • Laos • Latvia • Malawi • Malaysia • Mali • Moldova • Mongolia • Mozambique • Nepal • Nicaragua • Nigeria • Panama • Peru • Russia • Rwanda • South Africa • Sri Lanka • Sudan • Tajikistan • Tanzania • Thailand • Tunisia • Turkmenistan • Uruguay • Uzbekistan • Venezuela • Vietnam • West Bank/Gaza • Zambia • Zimbabwe

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

• Current secondary-level, full-time teachers of English, English as a Foreign Language (EFL), math, science, or social studies (civics, history, geography, global studies, etc.), including special education teachers in those subjects at institutions serving primarily a local population
• Bachelor’s degree or equivalent
• Five or more years of full-time teaching experience
• Demonstrated oral and written English language proficiency
• Citizen and resident of participating Fulbright TEA country
• Other requirements as indicated in the application

An independent review committee will be convened to select participants for the program through merit-based competition.

The Fulbright Teaching Excellence and Achievement Program provides:

- J-1 visa support
- Roundtrip airfare
- Accommodations, meals, and incidentals for the duration of the program
- Accident and sickness medical coverage (supplementary to participant’s existing insurance)
- An end-of-program workshop in Washington, D.C.
- Professional development and cultural activities

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