

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

2015 TEACHING EXCELLENCE AND ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM (TEA)

The Teaching Excellence and Achievement Program (TEA) is a program of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State, and implemented by IREX, a Washington, DC-based nonprofit organization. TEA will provide 160 international secondary school teachers with unique opportunities to develop expertise in their subject areas, enhance their teaching skills, and increase their knowledge about the United States.

Up to three (3) grants are available for this 6-week program in September - November 2015. Successful Thai teachers will be placed in the cohort II of about 18-20 teachers at eight U.S. universities that are selected through a competitive process. The program will consist of academic seminars focusing on new teaching methodologies, curriculum development, lesson planning, teaching strategies, and instructional technology training. Intensive English language instruction will be offered to teachers who need additional practice. The program will also include a practicum at a U.S. secondary school where participants work closely with U.S. teachers and teach and present to U.S. students. Cultural enrichment, mentoring, and support will be provided to participants throughout the program.

Eligible applicants must:

- Be citizens of and residents in Thailand
- Not exceeding 50 years of age at the time of deadline application
- Be secondary-level, **full-time teaching department heads at the time of submission and after return with at least five years of classroom experience in either English, English as a Foreign Language (EFL), math or science, or social studies, including special education teachers in those subjects.**
- Hold a **master's degree** or higher
- Have an official and valid ITP TOEFL score of at least 450 no more than 1 year old (if not applicable, Fulbright Thailand will organize the TOEFL ITP test for the finalists after the interview)
- Have an approval for a leave of absence from the school/institutional administration and
- Continue teaching for at least five years after completion of the program
- **Fulbright alumni are ineligible for this program**

Fulbright Thailand administers this program for the U.S. Department of State with agreement of the TUSEF Board.
THIS PROGRAM IS NOT A FULBRIGHT PROGRAM

Applicants must submit the original application and 4 complete copies (for a total of 5 sets) of your application. One set of application consist of your completed application form, CV, Essay statement of purpose, transcripts of your Bachelor's and Master's degree, one completed recommendation letter as well as completed institutional support and reference form and a copy of your passport (or photo identification).

Each complete application MUST look identical and NOT BE STAPLED. No other form of binding is permitted.

Application Deadline: FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2014

Applications and useful information for the TEA Program can be downloaded at www.fulbrightthai.org
Please submit your completed applications at:

Fulbright Thailand (TEA Program)
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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Teaching Excellence and Achievement Program (TEA) will provide international teachers with unique opportunities to develop expertise in their subject areas, enhance their teaching skills, and increase their knowledge of the United States.

TEA is a bilateral exchange program that will provide **131** international secondary school teachers with a **six-week** professional development program at eight U.S. universities or colleges. The international participants will travel to the United States in cohorts of **18-20** teachers **in September – November 2015**. Their program will include coursework and intensive training in teaching methodologies, lesson planning, and teaching strategies for the participants' home environment, as well as the use of computers for Internet, word processing, and as teaching tools. **The 6-week program** will also include a 2-week internship at a secondary school to actively engage participants with American teachers and students. Trips to U.S. cultural sites and academic support will be provided for participants throughout the program.

Also, TEA will provide follow-on grants to the international teachers to purchase essential materials for their schools, to offer follow-on training for other teachers, and to conduct other activities that will build on their exchange experience.

ABOUT THE BUREAU OF EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) of the U.S. Department of State fosters mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries around the world. ECA strives to achieve this goal through a wide range of international exchanges as authorized by the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, as amended. ECA works in close cooperation with U.S. Embassies overseas to promote personal, professional, and institutional ties between private citizens and organizations in the United States and abroad.

ABOUT IREX (INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH & EXCHANGES BOARD)

IREX is an international nonprofit organization providing leadership and innovative programs to improve the quality of education, strengthen independent media, and foster pluralistic civil society development. Founded in 1968, IREX has an annual portfolio of \$50 million and a staff of over 500 professionals worldwide. IREX and its partner IREX Europe deliver cross-cutting programs and consulting expertise in more than 50 countries.

PROGRAM DATES

Application Deadline:

Friday, March 21, 2014

Semi-Finalist Interviews:

Wednesday, April 23, 2014

ITP TOEFL testing date for the recommended finalists

Thursday, April 24, 2014

Two-day orientation:

Beginning of May 2014

Notification of Program Finalists:

July 2014

Pre-departure orientation:

September 2014

TEA U.S. Program Dates:

September – November 2015

Former participants of Fulbright Administrator Exchange Program, Fulbright Special Administrator Exchange Program and Educational Seminars Program are ineligible to apply.

Applications not meeting the above eligibility requirements will not be forwarded to the selection committee.

In the event that there is a discrepancy, or information is found to be false, the application will immediately be declared invalid and the applicant ineligible.

FINANCIAL PROVISIONS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

- J-1 visa support;
- A pre-departure orientation held in participant's home country;
- Round-trip airfare to and within the U.S.;
- A Welcome Orientation in Washington, D.C.;
- Academic program fees;
- Housing (generally shared with other program fellows) and meals;
- Accident and sickness coverage;
- Transportation to the internship school (if necessary);
- A book/professional development allowance;

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- A Closing Seminar;
- The opportunity to apply for follow-on grants.

SELECTION PROCESS AND CRITERIA

TEA fellows will be selected through a merit-based open competition. After the application deadline, Fulbright Thailand will review all eligible applications. Top candidates will be interviewed by an interview panel and must take the ITP TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) examination or provide **valid results no more than 1 year old**. The final selection will be based on the top candidates application, interview and TOEFL test results.

Selection Criteria (not in order of importance):

- Demonstrated commitment to teaching in the field of secondary education;
- Demonstrated leadership potential;
- Professional and educational experience and achievements;
- Potential for developing long-term linkages between U.S. and home country educational institutions and schools;
- Preparedness (including maturity, flexibility, and ability to function independently) for an intensive U.S.-based training program.
- Ability to express ideas clearly and effectively; and
- English language skills adequate to develop lesson plans, conduct research, audit classes in U.S. host universities, and team-teach in U.S. schools (**a minimum score of 450 in TOEFL is required for TEA program participation**).

GENERAL APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS & SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Please answer **all** questions on the application.
- **PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT IN BLACK INK.**
- If a question does not apply to you, enter N/A (not applicable).
- Include your full, legal name as spelled on your passport (if available) or other photo identification.
- Include complete contact information (including zip codes for all addresses and city codes for all phone and fax numbers if available).
- Write your full name, city, and country in the top right corner of each page.
- You may attach additional pages if necessary to answer the questions completely.

Completed applications must be submitted to Thailand-U.S. Educational Foundation (Fulbright Thailand) **no later than Friday, March 21, 2014**. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND INSTITUTION SUPPORT FORM

All applicants must include:

- **One completed recommendation form** from a person who is familiar with your professional work. Recommendations may be from colleagues or supervisors. **Recommendations must be submitted with the application. Recommendations submitted separately will not be accepted.** A family member may not write the recommendation. Please provide an English translation of recommendation letter if it is not written in English.
- **An Institutional Support Form completed by the director of the school** for which you are employed. This form will confirm that the school supports your participation in this program. Please provide an English translation of the Institutional Support Form if it is not written in English.

The same individual may complete the recommendation form and institutional support form so long as that person is the head or chair of the school at which the applicant is employed.

Applicants must submit the original application and 4 complete copies (for a total of 5 copies). Each copy of the application should be submitted in the following order:

1. **Application,**
2. **Essay/Statement of purpose,**
3. **CV / Resume** (see sample format attached),
4. **Transcripts,**
5. **Completed recommendation form and completed institutional support form,** and
6. **A copy of your passport** (if applicable, or photo identification).

(This is a sample CV only – Please do not include sample in submitted application)

Natalia Nikolaevna Ivanova

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**ADDRESS
COUNTRY
PHONE
E-MAIL**

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Secondary School # 102 – Kyiv, Ukraine

Teacher of History (10/2002-present)

- Teach History of Middle Ages to grades 5-6
- Teach Modern History to grades 8-10
- Provide training to teachers in the school
- Act as member of weekly editorial team of school History newsletter

Center for Teacher Training – Kyiv, Ukraine

Teacher Trainer (01/2000-present)

- Responsible for developing curriculum units in History
- Assist Kyiv regional teacher training expert with research in modern teaching methodologies
- Draft monthly reports on teacher training activities

U.S. Peace Corps – Kyiv, Ukraine

Trainer for TEFL teachers (10/1999-9/2002)

- Provided training about teaching in the secondary schools in Ukraine
- Assisted with analysis of education needs in secondary schools in rural areas of Ukraine
- Developed and implemented project plans to address these needs within the Peace Corps mission

EDUCATION

Kyiv State Pedagogical University – Kyiv, Ukraine

diplom (09/1994-07/1999)

Department of History

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Winner of Ministry of Education “Teacher of the Year” Sponsored Competition

Teaching History through Internet Workshop – Moscow, Russia 2003

Participant in workshop on internet resources for teaching history in the secondary schools

British Council Small Grant Program Recipient

Conference Organizer (01/2003-12/2003)

- Developed and managed a conference on teaching history in secondary school for 120 secondary school teachers in Kyiv
- Drafted concept paper for funding of conference

COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Advisor for Students History Newspaper – Kyiv, Ukraine

Volunteer at alma mater, Kyiv State Pedagogical University, 1994-1998

COMPUTER SKILLS

Microsoft Word, Explorer, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Adobe PhotoShop, PageMaker

LANGUAGES

Ukrainian (fluent), English (excellent), French (basic)

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS CHECKLIST AND ENCLOSE IT WITH YOUR APPLICATION PACKAGE.

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1. Applicants must submit the original application and 4 complete copies (for a total of 5 sets). Each set of your applications should be submitted in the following order:

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| a. | 1 original application with 1 recent photo attached on page 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| b. | Made additional 4 copies of the application | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| c. | Essay/Statement of purpose | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| d. | CV/Resume | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| e. | Bachelor's and Master's Degree's Transcripts | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| f. | Completed TEA Institutional Support and Reference Form | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| g. | First page of your passport (if applicable, or photo identification) | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

[All documents MUST be TYPED IN BLACK ink. Please do not send audio or video tapes.]

2. Make sure you meet all the following requirements to be eligible for the program:

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| a. | Be Thai <u>c</u> itizen who resides in Thailand | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| b. | Not exceeding 50 years of age at the time of deadline submission | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| c. | Hold a master's degree or higher | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| d. | Be a secondary-level, full-time teaching department head of either English, Social Study, Math or Sciences | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| e. | Have a current full-time teaching in a secondary school with at least 5 years of full-time teaching experience | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| f. | Have a high proficiency in English | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| g. | Have an approval for a leave of absence from the school/institutional administration for a 6 weeks in 2015 | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| h. | Continue teaching for at least 5 years after completion of the program | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY:

- Each completed application MUST look identical and **NOT BE STAPLED.** (Paper clips may be used.)
- Failure to submit a complete application makes an applicant ineligible.
- Failure to meet any of the eligibilities and requirements makes an applicant ineligible.
- All documents submitted must be in English and TYPED IN BLACK INK ONLY.
- Fulbright Thailand *does NOT accept any other irrelevant document* as required in the announcement.
- Application will not be considered without Institutional Support and Reference Form. All reference forms submitted must include original signatures and included with your application package.
- Submit your application package *by hand* or *EMS postmarked on/before* **Friday, March 21, 2014 deadline.**