2022-2023 Fulbright Teaching Excellence and Achievement Program (Fulbright TEA)
April 29, 2022: Deadline for submit online application

The Public Diplomacy Section of the U.S. Embassy, Vientiane, Laos, is pleased to announce an opportunity for applications for the 2022 Fulbright Teaching Excellence and Achievement (TEA) Program. This program provides Lao 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.

The Fulbright TEA is a six-week non-degree, non-credit academic program at a U.S. university. About 168 international participants will travel to the United States for one of two six-week professional development programs in either Spring 2023 (Cohort I) or Fall 2023 (Cohort II). Fulbright TEA provides academic seminars on teaching methodologies and strategies, curriculum development, lesson planning, and instructional technology training. Intensive English language instruction will be offered to teachers who need additional practice. The program will consist of general academic seminars focusing on new teaching methodologies, content-based instruction, project-based learning, infusing thematic topics into curriculum, lesson planning, and instructional technology training for teachers. Intensive English language instruction will be offered to teachers who need additional practice. The program will include a practicum of at least 40 hours with a U.S. partner teacher in a U.S. secondary school near the host university to actively engage participants in an American classroom environment. Cultural enrichment, mentoring, and support will be provided to participants throughout the program.

After returning home, teachers who successfully complete the program will be eligible to compete for small grant awards for essential teaching materials, follow-on training for other teachers, collaborative projects between participating American schools and their home schools, and other activities that build on the exchange experience.

Teaching disciplines for the Fulbright TEA Program are:
- English or English as a Foreign Language (EFL)
- Social Studies (social studies, civics, history, geography, etc.)
- Mathematics
- Science
- Special Education teachers in the disciplines listed above

Eligibility and Selection Criteria
Applicants must:
- Be current secondary school-level, full-time teachers in a school that serves a primarily local (not expatriate) population;
- Have five or more years of classroom experience in Fulbright TEA teaching disciplines: English, EFL, Social Studies, Mathematics, Science, or Special Education;
- Be citizens of and residents in Laos;
- Have earned a bachelor’s degree or equivalent;
• Applicants must submit a TOEFL or other English test score as part of their applications;
Obtain a minimum score of 450 on paper based TOEFL or equivalent English language examination. *Please note that candidates do not need to take the test before applying. If selected after an interview, candidates will be required to take TOEFL iBT test, with financial support from the U.S. Embassy. A limited number of participants with TOEFL scores between 425 and 450, or equivalent, will be accepted for the program into a special cohort with additional English language training included in the professional development program;
• Demonstrate a commitment to continue teaching after completion of the program; and
• Submit a complete application.

* Please note that this is a program for practicing teachers of Laos students. Ministry of Education officials, full-time principals or educational administrators, full-time teacher trainers, university faculty, private English language tutors, and teachers from schools primarily serving expatriates are not eligible.

Selection Timeline
• April 29, 2022: Deadline of Online Application
• Early May 2022: Interviews for shortlisted candidates/TOEFL iBT test online
• Late May 2022: Embassy submits nominees to IREX
• Mid-August 2022: Finalists confirm acceptance of award, sign and submit all necessary documents.

Travel:
IREX will provide all teachers with an international airline ticket. Upon their arrival to the U.S., IREX will reimburse teachers who can afford to pay round-trip travel costs between their home city and the point of departure for the U.S. out of pocket.

Participants will be given the option of traveling after the end of their program during the 30-day grace period of the J-1 visa. Post-program travel will be approved only if the following conditions are met: participants are in good standing with the program; participants arrange and pay for their own travel and accommodations, including all applicable airline ticket change fees; and participants provide IREX with proof of health insurance coverage for the additional time they will be in the U.S., a post-program itinerary that includes contact information while traveling, and their revised return international flight information. Please note that program elements such as post-program travel are subject to change, given travel restrictions in the U.S. and internationally due to COVID-19. Participants will receive additional information on post-program policies upon arrival in the United States.

Dependents:
Dependents are not permitted to accompany participants on this six-week program.

Tentative Program Dates in the U.S.
• Cohort I: Late January – Mid-March 2023 (Spring)
• Cohort II: September – Late-October 2023 (Fall)

How to Apply
Please read Program Announcement before starting your online application.

Apply now: https://fulbright.irex.org/Account/Login

FY22 FTEA program information sheet
FY22 FTEA online application guide for applicants
FY22 FTEA institutional support and reference form
FY22 FTEA leave approval form

*(You are required to upload the Letter of Approval, Institutional Support & Reference form and your degree certificate online.)*

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Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for the interview. Please send your questions regarding the application and selection process to email: vimoldx@state.gov.