

INTERNATIONAL LEADERS IN EDUCATION PROGRAM (ILEP)

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The International Leaders in Education Program (ILEP) is a program of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State, and is implemented by IREX (the International Research & Exchanges Board), a Washington, DC based non-profit organization.

ILEP will bring outstanding secondary teachers from the Near East, South Asia, and Southeast Asia to the U.S. for a five-month professional development program that seeks to:

- Enhance teachers' expertise in their teaching discipline and equip them with a deeper understanding of best practices in teaching methodologies, lesson planning, and the use of technology in teaching.
- Create among educators a more nuanced understanding of the U.S.
- Develop productive and lasting relationships and mutual understanding between U.S. and international teachers and their students.
- Contribute to improving teaching in participating countries by preparing participants to serve as teacher leaders, who upon returning home will apply and share their experience and skills with their peers and students.

ILEP will consist of a semester-long academic program at a U.S. university, including coursework and intensive training in teaching methodologies, lesson planning, teaching strategies for their home environment, teacher leadership, as well as the use of computers for Internet, word processing and as tools for teaching. The semester-long program, which will commence in January 2009 and conclude in May 2009, will also include an internship at a secondary school to engage participants actively with the American teachers and students.

The fellowship provides:

- 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);
- Accident and sickness insurance;
- A daily allowance for meals and incidentals during the university academic program;
- A laptop computer;
- A \$200 book/professional development allowance;
- A Closing Seminar in Washington, D.C.;
- A \$100 excess baggage/shipping allowance; and
- The opportunity to apply for collaborative grants with U.S. colleagues.

Eligible applicants must:

- Be secondary-level, full-time teachers with five or more years of classroom experience in disciplines including:
 - ✓ English as a Foreign Language;
 - ✓ Civics;
 - ✓ Mathematics; or
 - ✓ Science.
- Be citizens of Algeria
- Be proficient in written and spoken English with a TOEFL score of 450

To Apply:

Deadline for applications is May 17, 2008.



Application Deadline: 5:00 PM, Monday, June 16, 2008

