

Fulbright Teaching Excellence and Achievement Program Media Literacy Cohorts

The Fulbright Teaching Excellence and Achievement Program will bring international secondary-level teachers to the United States for a six-week professional development opportunity to take academic seminars at a host university, observe and share their expertise with U.S. teachers and students, and develop action plans to promote media literacy and critical thinking skills in their home schools, classrooms, and communities.

The program's Media Literacy Cohorts will include content-specific coursework with a focus on media literacy and critical thinking classroom skills. Seminar topics may include recognizing bias, propaganda, stereotypes, and misinformation; strategies for improving students' critical thinking; how media literacy promotes civic engagement; the role of media in society; fostering cyber safety and digital citizenship in the classroom; and technology training.

Program Activities and Timeline



General academic seminars focusing on new teaching methodologies, 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.



Specialized seminars with a focus on 21st century classroom media literacy and critical thinking skills.



A variety of relevant professional development and cultural activities.

Accepting Applications	January - March 2022
Applicants Notified	August 2022
Spring 2023 Cohort Program	January - March 2023
Fall 2023 Cohort Program	September - October 2023

ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES

Albania • Armenia • Azerbaijan • Bosnia and Herzegovina • Bulgaria • Czech Republic
Estonia • Hungary • Kazakhstan • Kyrgyzstan • Lithuania • North Macedonia • Romania
Serbia • Slovakia • Tajikistan • Turkey • Ukraine • Uzbekistan

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

- Current secondary-level, full-time teachers of English, English as a Foreign Language (EFL), home country language and literature, social studies, civics, history, global studies, media studies, communications, journalism, law, or related fields at institutions serving primarily a local population
- Bachelor's degree or equivalent
- Three or more years of full-time teaching experience
- Demonstrated oral and written English language proficiency
- Experience or demonstrated interest in the field of 21st century media literacy and critical thinking
- Citizen and resident of participating 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)



A workshop in Washington, D.C.



Professional development and cultural activities



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