

# 2023-2024 Fulbright Teaching Excellence and Achievement Program (Fulbright TEA)

The Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy is pleased to announce a call for applications for the 2023-2024 Fulbright Teaching Excellence and Achievement (TEA) Program. This program will provide Algerian teachers with unique opportunities to develop expertise in their subject areas, enhance their teaching skills, and increase their knowledge of the United States.

The Fulbright TEA is a six-week non-degree, non-credit academic program at a U.S. university. 168 international participants will travel to the United States for one of two six-week professional development programs in either in Spring 2024 or Fall 2024. 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 the U.S. 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)
- Foreign languages
- Social Studies (social studies, civics, history, geography, etc.) including special education teachers in those listed subjects above
- Mathematics
- Science

## **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 Algeria;
- Have earned a bachelor's degree;
- 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.
- 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 Algerian students. Ministry of National 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. Secondary-level teachers include both middle and high school teachers serving students between approximately 12 and 18 years of age. Teachers responsible for teaching additional grade levels must teach middle or high school students more than 50% of their work time in order to be eligible for the program. The most competitive applicants will have shown evidence of leadership in their schools or districts.

### **Tentative Program Dates in the U.S.**

- Cohort I: Late January Mid-March 2024 (Spring)
- Cohort II: September Late-October 2024(Fall)

#### **Selection Timeline**

- March 15, 2023: Deadline of Online Application
- April 16, 2023 Interviews for shortlisted candidates
- May 19, 2023: Embassy submits nominees to IREX
- September 2023: Finalists confirm acceptance of award, sign and submit all necessary documents.

#### **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).

Include complete contact information (House number, street number, city/province).

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.

Please indicate in which cohort (Cohort I or Cohort II of 2023) you would prefer to participate in. (Please note that every effort will be made to accommodate your first choice; however, applicants will be considered for both cohorts and placement in your first choice is not guaranteed.)

Institutional Support and Reference Form (ISRF)

The "characteristics" section must be completed by the applicant's supervisor (i.e., school director). A family member may not complete the reference form. Please provide an English translation if it is not written in English (informal translation is acceptable).

The "recommendation letter" section must also be completed by the applicant's supervisor.

The ISRF must be signed by the school director. This will confirm that the school supports your participation in this program.

The ISRF is required for an online application. There is a section within the online application where you are prompted to print the form. You then need to upload the completed form and reference to the same section of the application for it to be considered "complete." The Online Application System will not let you submit your application without uploading the ISRF.

## How to apply

Applicants must submit a complete application through the Online Application System by March 15, 2023:

https://fulbright.irex.org/

2023-2024 Fulbright TEA Online Application Guide for Applicants, here (PDF: 1MB).

For more information about Fulbright TEA Program, please visit TEA's website: <a href="https://www.irex.org/program/opportunity-international-teachers-fulbright-teaching-excellence-and-achievement-program-0">https://www.irex.org/program/opportunity-international-teachers-fulbright-teaching-excellence-and-achievement-program-0</a>

Deadline for submission: March 15, 2023

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