

Fulbright Teaching Excellence and Achievement Program Media Literacy Cohort

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 Cohort 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 2023
 Applicants Notified August 2023
 Fall 2024 Cohort Program September - October 2024



ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES

Armenia • Azerbaijan • Bosnia-Herzegovina • Bulgaria • Czech Republic
Hungary • Lithuania • North Macedonia • Romania • Serbia • Slovakia • Ukraine

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

- Current secondary-level, full-time teachers of English, English as a Foreign Language (EFL), math, science, or social studies (civics, history, global studies, media studies, communications, journalism, law) at institutions serving primarily a local population
- Bachelor's degree or equivalent
- Minimum of three years of full-time teaching experience by the start of the program, with a preference for those who have completed at least five years of full-time teaching
- 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 an eligible 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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