

Teaching Excellence and Achievement Program (TEA)

The Teaching Excellence and Achievement Program (TEA) is a program of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State, and implemented by IREX, a Washington, DC-based nonprofit organization. **TEA** provides international teachers with unique opportunities to develop expertise in their subject areas, enhance their teaching skills and increase their knowledge about the United States. TEA consists of a non-degree, non-credit customized academic program, including seminars on new teaching methodologies, curriculum development, lesson planning, and instructional technology. Participants will also participate in a practicum in a U.S. secondary school near the host university to work closely with U.S. teachers and teach and present to U.S. students. Cultural enrichment, mentoring, and support will be provided throughout the program. The international participants will travel to the United States in two cohorts of 88-90 teachers each in spring or fall 2013.

Upon returning home, TEA program alumni are eligible to apply for small grants for essential teaching materials, follow-on training for other teachers, collaborative projects between schools in their home country and the United States, and other activities that build on their U.S. experience.

In Romania, the program is administrated by the **Romanian-U.S. Fulbright Commission**.

► **The TEA fellowship is fully funded and provides:**

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) and meals, accident and sickness medical insurance coverage, transportation to the teaching practicum school (if necessary), a daily allowance for meals and incidentals during the academic program; a book/professional development allowance, a baggage/shipping allowance (domestic and international), a Closing Workshop in Washington, D.C, and the opportunity to apply for alumni small grants.



► **Eligibility Requirements:**

- Current secondary-level, full-time teachers with five or more years of classroom experience in disciplines including: English or English as a Foreign Language, Social Studies, Math, Sciences;
- Citizens of and residents in Romania;
- Proficient in written and spoken English (TELP test following the interview);
- Continue teaching after completion of the program;
- Submit a complete application.

Applicants with recent participation in similar programs in the U.S. or other Western countries will be given lower priority.

► **A completed application includes all elements listed below:**

1. Teacher Excellence and Achievement Program Application
2. Institutional Support and Reference Form completed by your supervisor
3. A copy of your passport (or photo identification)

► **Application forms are available online at:**

<http://www.fulbright.ro/news/428-teaching-excellence-and-achievement-program.html>

Applications for TEA must be submitted **electronically** at the Romanian - U.S. Fulbright Commission, e-mail: office@fulbright.ro.

The application deadline is April 15, 2012.

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