

## 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. The international participants will travel to the United States in two cohorts of 88-90 teachers each in spring or fall 2012. TEA consists of a non-degree, non-credit customized academic program, including coursework and intensive training in teaching methodologies, lesson planning, and teaching strategies for home classroom environments, as well as the use of computers for Internet, word processing, and as teaching tools. As part of the academic program, participants will have the opportunity to design or revise a set of lessons for use in their home classrooms as well as modify a lesson into a micro-lesson demonstration for the End of Program Workshop in Washington, D.C. The **six-week program** will also include a forty-hour internship at a secondary school to actively engage participants with American teachers and students. Cultural activities and academic support will be provided for participants throughout the program.

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 internship school (if necessary), a daily allowance for meals and incidentals during the academic program; a book/professional development allowance, a baggage allowance for fees incurred during program travel, a Closing Workshop in Washington, D.C, and the opportunity to apply for follow-on grants.



▶ **Eligibility Requirements:**

- Current secondary-level, full-time teachers with five or more years of classroom experience in disciplines including: 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. Completed Institutional Support and Reference Form
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](mailto:office@fulbright.ro).

**The application deadline is April 15, 2011.**

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