The Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Research (Fulbright DA) Program provides an opportunity for K–12 educators from the United States to conduct research and engage in other professional learning experiences abroad for three to six months. Participants work on individual Inquiry Projects on a topic relevant to education in the United States and the host country, take courses at a host university, and collaborate with colleagues on educational practices to improve student learning.

How does Fulbright DA improve classrooms, schools, and communities?

- Grows educators’ professional leadership skills
- Expands access to global networks
- Elevates educators’ voices in research, policy, and practice
- Promotes mutual understanding

Program Activities and Timeline

- Accepting Applications ........................................ Late January - Early March 2021
- Applicants Notified .......................................................... Summer 2021
- Orientation Workshop .................................................... August 2021
- International Field Experience ................................. Fall 2021 - Spring 2022

The Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Research Program is a program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), with funding provided by the U.S. Government and administered by IREX.
Eligible applicants include U.S. citizens who

- reside in the United States, a U.S. territory, or a school associated with the Department of Defense Education Activity;
- hold at least a bachelor’s degree;
- have a minimum of three years of experience in a full-time student-facing role in a U.S. K-12 educational institution or school district;
- be currently employed full-time with a minimum of 50% of contracted hours in a student-facing role in a U.S. K-12 educational institution or school district;
- **have NOT** resided abroad for five or more consecutive years in the six-year period preceding the date of application (a candidate who has lived outside the United States, a U.S. territory, or a school associated with the Department of Defense Education Activity for nine months or more during a calendar year is deemed to have resided abroad for that year); and
- **are NOT** seeking to carry out research for a PhD program in conjunction with their participation in the Fulbright DA Program.

An independent review committee will be convened to select participants for the program through merit-based competition.

To learn more about the Fulbright Teacher Exchanges, please visit www.fulbrightteacherexchanges.org or email FulbrightDA@irex.org.

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