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# International Leaders in Education Program (ILEP)

A program of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), U.S. Department of State, and implemented by IREX

## *Application for International Teachers*

The U.S. Department of State and IREX announce an open competition for a program that will bring outstanding secondary-level school teachers to the U.S. for a professional development opportunity. ILEP seeks to:

- Enhance teachers' expertise in their teaching discipline and equip them with a deeper understanding of best practices in teaching methods, lesson planning, and instructional technology
- Create among educators a more nuanced understanding of the U.S.
- Develop productive and lasting relationships and mutual understanding between U.S. and international teachers and their students.
- Contribute to improving teaching in participating countries and communities by preparing participants to serve as teacher leaders who, upon returning home, will apply and share their experience and skills with their peers and students.

**ELIGIBLE TEACHING DISCIPLINES FOR ILEP ARE:**

- English, or English as a Foreign Language.

Please return completed applications to:

**DEADLINE:**

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***PROGRAM OVERVIEW***

The International Leaders in Education Program (ILEP) will provide international teachers with unique opportunities to develop expertise in their subject areas, enhance their teaching skills, and increase their knowledge of the United States.

**The International Leaders in Education Program (ILEP)** will provide approximately 64 international teachers with unique opportunities to develop expertise in their subject areas, enhance their teaching skills, and increase their knowledge about the United States. ILEP consists of a semester-long non-degree, non-credit academic program at a U.S. university including seminars on new teaching methods, curriculum development, lesson planning, teaching strategies, and instructional technology training. As part of the academic program, participants will work in groups to develop a unique teacher professional development module. Participants will also audit two courses in the host university's School or Department of Education and participate in a field experience in a U.S. secondary school near the host university, during which participants work closely with U.S. teachers and teach and present to U.S. students. All participants will receive a technology allowance and instructional technology training. Cultural enrichment, mentoring, and support will be provided throughout the program. ILEP will commence in January 2017 and conclude in May 2017.

After returning home, teachers will be eligible to participate in a small grants program to request funds for essential teaching materials, follow-on training for other teachers, collaborative projects between their home schools and U.S. schools, and other activities that build on the exchange experience.

***ABOUT THE BUREAU OF EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE***

The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) of the U.S. Department of State fosters mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries around the world. ECA strives to achieve this goal through a wide range of international exchanges as authorized by the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, as amended. ECA works in close cooperation with U.S. Embassies overseas to promote personal, professional, and institutional ties between private citizens and organizations in the United States and abroad. ECA funds the International Leaders in Education Program.

***ABOUT IREX***

IREX is an international nonprofit organization providing thought leadership and innovative programs to promote positive lasting change globally. We enable local individuals and institutions to build key elements of a vibrant society: quality education, independent media, and strong communities. To strengthen these sectors, our program activities also include conflict resolution, technology for development, gender, and youth.

Founded in 1968, IREX has a staff of over 400 professionals worldwide. IREX employs field-tested methods and innovative uses of technologies to develop practical and locally-driven solutions with our partners in more than 100 countries.

### ***ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS***

Applicants must:

- Be current, public, 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 English as a Foreign Language.
- Be citizens of and residents in eligible ILEP countries;
- Have earned a Bachelor's degree or equivalent
- Obtain a minimum score of 500 on paper based TOEFL or 61 on an internet based TOEFL;
- Demonstrate a commitment to continue teaching after completion of the program; and
- Have submitted a complete application.

The International Leaders in Education Program promotes diversity in the classroom and in learning. ILEP supports inclusion and strongly encourages teachers with disabilities to apply.

**Former participants of the International Leaders in Education (ILEP) program, the Teaching Excellence and Achievement (TEA) Program, Partners in Education (PiE), or the Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program are not eligible to apply. If you have participated in other professional development exchange programs, please talk to the Fulbright Commission/U.S. Embassy in your country about your eligibility.**

ILEP is a program for practicing teachers. Ministry of Education officials, full-time principals or educational administrators, full-time teacher trainers, university faculty, private English Language tutors, are not eligible.

Current IREX employees and consultants and their immediate family members (spouses, parents, children, and siblings) are not eligible to compete in any IREX-implemented grant programs, either as individuals or as the responsible party representing an institutional applicant. IREX does not discriminate against grant applicants because of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability or any other protected characteristic as established by U.S. law.

***APPLICATIONS NOT MEETING THE ABOVE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS WILL NOT BE FORWARDED TO THE SELECTION COMMITTEE.***

IREX reserves the right to verify all of the information included in the application. In the event that there is a discrepancy, or information is found to be false, the application will immediately be declared invalid and the applicant ineligible.

### ***PROVISIONS OF THE FELLOWSHIP***

- 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 practicum school (if necessary);
- A daily allowance for incidentals during the university academic program
- A book/professional development allowance;
- A baggage/shipping allowance; and
- The opportunity to apply for alumni small grants.

**SELECTION PROCESS AND CRITERIA**

ILEP Fellows will be selected through a merit-based open competition based on the criteria below. Top candidates will be interviewed by an interview panel, and must take the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) or provide valid results from within the past year, (test date no earlier than June 2015).

Selection Criteria (not in order of importance):

- Demonstrated commitment to teaching in the field of secondary education;
- Demonstrated leadership potential;
- Professional and educational experience and achievements;
- Potential for developing long-term linkages between U.S. and home country educational institutions and schools;
- Preparedness (including maturity, flexibility, and ability to function independently) for an **intensive** U.S.-based training program with very limited free time for personal travel or sightseeing;
- Willingness and capacity to work and live collaboratively with international peers to foster a positive learning community for professional development;
- Ability to express ideas clearly and effectively; and
- English language skills adequate to manage coursework, develop lesson plans, and team-teach in U.S. schools (a minimum paper-based or equivalent TOEFL score of 500 is required for ILEP participation).
- Applicants who have had few or no opportunities to travel to the U.S. will be given priority.

**GENERAL APPLICATION 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) or other photo identification.
- Include complete contact information (including zip/postal codes for all addresses and city codes for all phone and fax numbers if available).
- Write your full name, city, and country in the top right corner of each page.
- **Hand sign** the Privacy Policy on the last page with ink.

**INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT AND REFERENCE FORM (ISRF)**

All applicants must include the Institutional Support and Reference Form, which must be completed by your supervisor at the school where you are employed. The form must be signed in ink. An English translation must be provided if the form and reference letter are not written in English.

**A completed application includes all elements listed below. You may submit your application to the U.S. Embassy or Fulbright Commission in your country electronically or in paper form in the following order:**

1. Application,
2. Hand signed Privacy Policy
3. Institutional Support and Reference Form completed by your supervisor, and
4. A copy of the photo and information pages of your passport (or photo identification).

**PROGRAM TIMELINE**

	Application Deadline
March/April/May 2016	TOEFL Testing/Interviews
September 2016	Notification of Finalists
November/December 2016	Pre-Departure Orientation
January-May 2017	U.S. Program Dates

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## International Leaders in Education Program

### *International Teacher Application*

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*Please complete ALL information requested. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.*

#### **Name** (please spell exactly as it is written on your passport)

First/Given name:

Middle name:

Family name/Surname:

#### **Country**

Country of Citizenship:

Country of Legal Residence:

#### **Place of Birth**

City of Birth:

Country of Birth:

#### **Gender**

Male

Female

#### **Number of Years Teaching**

I have been teaching for \_\_\_\_\_ years (not including student teaching practicums).

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**Date of Birth (as listed on your passport)**

Month	Day	Year
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*Please check your birth month:*

- January     February     March     April     May     June  
 July     August     September     October     November     December

**What discipline is your PRIMARY teaching assignment?**

**English**

- English for native speakers     English for non-native speakers     English literature  
 English Grammar     Other \_\_\_\_\_

**What other disciplines are you assigned to teach? (Select all that apply)**

**English**

- English for native speakers     English for non-native speakers     English literature  
 English Grammar     Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Math**

- Algebra     Geometry     Calculus     Statistics     Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Science**

- Chemistry     Physics     Earth Science     Biology     Other

**Social Studies**

- History     Geography     Sociology     Civics     Economics     Religion  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Education** (*Working with students with learning or physical disabilities*)

- English     Math     Science     Social Studies     Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**9. Home Mailing Address:**

Street/Building Number \_\_\_\_\_ Apartment Number \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable)

City or Town \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Region/Province/State \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Index/Code \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable)

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(country code + city code + number) (country code + city code + number)

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. School Address:**

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

City or Town \_\_\_\_\_ Region/Province/State \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_

**11. School Information:**

- (a) Is your school in an urban or rural area?  Urban  Rural  
(b) Is your school government-run or private?  Government-run  Private

Total number of students at the school: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of full-time teachers at the school: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of part-time teachers at the school: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade levels at the school: \_\_\_\_\_

Age range of students: \_\_\_\_\_

Average number of students per class: \_\_\_\_\_

In less than 200 words, please tell us briefly about your school and the community it serves: Who are the students? What do they do when they leave school or complete their studies at your school? What kind of work do their parents do? Please briefly share any other important information about the school community here.

- 12.** Have you ever been convicted of a crime?  Yes  No

If yes, please provide additional information, including a description of the factual circumstances of the arrest or conviction and any supporting documentation.

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**13.** Has a teacher at your school participated in ILEP, or the Teaching Excellence and Achievement (TEA) program? If yes, what is his/her name, the program and the dates of participation?

Yes       No

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Participation: \_\_\_\_\_

**14.** Are you currently applying to any other U.S. government sponsored program, *including online programs*?

Yes       No

If yes, please specify which program: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of sponsoring organization: \_\_\_\_\_

**15.** Are you currently applying or do you plan to apply to any professional development programs in other countries?       Yes       No

If yes, please specify which program: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of sponsoring organization: \_\_\_\_\_



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16. In the chart below, please fill in any previous trips you have taken outside of your home country. Please include trips for tourism, work, and exchange programs. Also include any trips sponsored by the U.S. government. Please provide as many details as possible in the "Notes" column.

<b>City, Country Visited</b>	<b>Year of Travel</b>	<b>Reason for Visit (Work/ Tourism/ Exchange Program)</b>	<b>Notes (Name of program, program details, sponsoring organization, etc.)</b>

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17. Please list other international exposure you have had including working with international organizations or foreigners in your home country.

18. During the International Leaders in Education Program, participants often have roommates from other areas of the world. What steps would you take to successfully live with a person from another country? Give an example of a time you had to demonstrate flexibility interacting with someone from a different culture.

19. How did you hear about ILEP?

- Colleague       Program Alumnus       Friend       School Administrator
- Publication: \_\_\_\_\_       Website: \_\_\_\_\_
- U.S. Embassy Official or Regional English Language Office
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

20. Education: Please list your educational background.

Institution/School	# of years of study	Field of Study	Degree/Certificate (BA, BS, Masters, PhD, etc.)	Year Degree Awarded

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**21. Foreign Language Proficiency:** Please rate your proficiency for each language you know in the categories of reading, writing, comprehension and speaking. Please rate on scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being low, and 5 being high.

Language	Reading	Writing	Comprehension	Speaking

**22. Work History:** Please list below your work history for the past five years. **Please list your current position first.** Only one section is necessary per school, even for multiple years.

**Current School Information**

Name of school: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of employment (dates): \_\_\_\_\_

Grade level(s) taught and age range of students: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of hours per week teaching: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary discipline taught: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional duties: \_\_\_\_\_

**Previous School Information**

Name of school: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of employment (dates): \_\_\_\_\_

Grade level(s) taught and age range of students: \_\_\_\_\_

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Primary discipline taught: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional duties: \_\_\_\_\_

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**23. Additional Education or Professional Experience & Activity:** Please list what activities you have pursued inside and outside the classroom to maintain your professional training as an educator. In addition, please list professional organizations that you are a member of and relevant work in your community outside of school.

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**24.** Describe the opportunities or challenges for girls in your community to receive a quality education. If applicable, describe how you have expanded or improved opportunities for girls' education, or addressed other important issues affecting girls in your community.





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**26. Statement of Purpose:** Your Statement of Purpose is the most important part of your application. Your response will give the selection committee an opportunity to better understand you as a teacher leader and your desire to participate in the program. Statements must be clearly written in order to be considered.

In the space provided, please address *all* questions in *no more than 500 words*:

- Why do you want to participate in ILEP?
- Describe an occasion when you were a leader or set a positive example in your school.
- What skills and experience do you hope to gain from participating in ILEP?
- How will your community benefit from your participation in the program? Describe at least two ways you will share what you learn with your school and/or community.
- Identify a challenge or pressing issue you seek to address in your school or community upon returning home from the International Leaders in Education Program.



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**Additional Space:** Please use this space for any additional information. Include any responses that did not fit elsewhere in the application.

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## IREX PRIVACY POLICY & APPLICATION CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

Your privacy is important to IREX. That is why we request that all applicants read the following privacy policy statement carefully.

### 1. APPLICANT AND PARTICIPANT INFORMATION CONTENT AND STORAGE

Information about program applicants and current and past participants consists of data contained in their applications, information derived from interviews, and information gathered during the course of their program and as program alumni. IREX stores this information in written and electronic form indefinitely. Some data, such as contact information and professional experience, is continually updated.

### 2. USE OF INFORMATION: Information, which is described above, may be:

- A. Used by selection committees and interviewers to review applicants;
- B. Supplied to the program's funding organization;
- C. Submitted to potential host schools, universities, or organizations and/or organizations that provide field experience opportunities; and
- D. Used for the evaluation of an individual's participation in the program and in the collection of data for general program evaluation by IREX, funding agencies or other organizations contracted to conduct evaluations.

IREX does not sell applicant or current/past participant information.

The principles stated herein are binding only to IREX; other organizations involved in the implementation of these programs may adhere to other privacy or similar policies.

### 3. CERTIFICATION: I certify that I completed this application myself, without any aid or assistance, that the information given in this application is complete and accurate, and that I have carefully read and understand all notes and disclaimers provided therein.

I understand that IREX reserves the right to verify all the information listed in the application. I understand that giving false or misleading information in the application will result in exclusion from the competition or immediate dismissal from the International Leaders in Education Program (ILEP).

Also, I acknowledge that I am aware of the following requirements that I must observe if I am selected for the program:

- I must abide by all program rules and regulations and observe all the laws of the United States during my stay there, including returning to my home country for at least two years at the conclusion of the program in compliance with J-1 visa requirements.
- The medical insurance provided to me during my travels is intended only for emergencies and does not cover ordinary, pre-existing, and dental conditions.
- My spouse, children, other relatives or individuals are not permitted to accompany me to the United States on the program.

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Signature of Applicant (must be hand signed)

Date