



THE FULBRIGHT TEACHING EXCELLENCE AND ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

21st Century Classroom Media Literacy

The Fulbright Teaching Excellence and Achievement (Fulbright TEA) Program will bring international secondary school teachers to the United States for a six-week professional development program 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 Fulbright TEA 21st Century Classroom Media Literacy Program is 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 in collaboration with the Fulbright Commission.

Program Activities

- General academic seminars focusing on new teaching methodologies, content-based instruction, project-based learning, infusing thematic topics into curriculum, lesson planning, and instructional technology training for teachers;
- Specialized seminars with a focus on 21st century classroom media literacy;
- A practicum of at least 40 hours with a U.S. partner teacher in local secondary schools;
- A variety of relevant professional development and cultural activities.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must:

- Be current secondary school-level*, full-time teachers of English, English as a Foreign Language (EFL), Romanian language and literature, social studies (civics, history, geography, global studies, law, etc.), media studies, communications, journalism, or related fields;
- Have earned a Bachelor's degree or equivalent;
- Have completed at least five years of full-time teaching by the start of the program;
- Have Romanian citizenship and reside in Romania at the time of application and of program participation;
- Demonstrate oral and written English language proficiency;
- Have experience or demonstrated interest in the field of 21st century media literacy and critical thinking;
- Demonstrate a commitment to continue teaching after completion of the program;
- Have submitted a complete application.

* Secondary-level teachers include both middle and high school teachers serving students between approximately 12 and 18 years of age.

Each applicant is required to submit:

- An online application form: <https://oas.irex.org/fulbrightteam1> including a.o. the hand signed Privacy Policy; the Institutional Support and Reference Form completed by your supervisor; and the Leave Approval Form completed by your school director; **
- A scanned copy of your passport photo page sent to office@fulbright.ro

**The forms can be downloaded directly from the online application; the documents should be hand signed, scanned and then uploaded to the relevant section of the online application.

Note: Please refer to the Online Application Instructions available [here](#).

Application Deadline: February 4, 2019

Timeline

- Applicants notified: May 2019
- Fall 2019 Cohort Program: September – late October 2019
- Spring 2020 Cohort Program: January – mid-March 2020

English Proficiency

All candidates nominated for the program are required to submit a TOEFL test score (or an equivalent English language examination). Participation in the Fulbright TEA program is primarily open to teachers who are able to demonstrate English language proficiency by scoring the equivalent of a 61 or above on the internet-based TOEFL (500 or above on the paper-based TOEFL).

*TOEFL test scores are not compulsory in the first stage of the competition. Score reports will be required prior to **March 10, 2019**. Test vouchers for exam registration will be provided to the Romanian candidates nominated for the program.*

The Fulbright TEA Program 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 Program in Washington, D.C.;
- Academic program fees;
- Housing (generally shared with other program fellows) and meals;
- Accident and sickness health care coverage (does not cover pre-existing conditions);
- Transportation to the practicum school (as needed);
- A daily allowance for incidentals during the university academic program;
- A professional development allowance;
- A baggage allowance;
- An end-of-program workshop in Washington, D.C., (for both the Media Literacy and General Pedagogy tracks); and
- The opportunity to apply for alumni small grants for alumni in good standing.

More details at: <http://www.fulbright.ro/news/1007-the-fulbright-tea>

For any questions concerning the application process, contact us at: office@fulbright.ro