

**Grant Title:** IREX INTERNATIONAL EDUCATORS PROGRAM

**Funding Opportunity Number:** N/A

**Agency/Department:** International Research & Exchange Board.

**Area of Research:** Opportunities to develop expertise for international teachers in their subject areas, enhance their teaching skills and increase their knowledge about the United States.

**Release and Expiration:** N/A

**Application Deadline:** Application deadlines vary by country. Contact the Public Affairs Section of the US Embassy in your country for a copy of the application and further details.

**Amount:** 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); accident and sickness insurance; a daily allowance for meals and incidentals during the university academic program; a laptop computer; a \$200 book/professional development allowance; a Closing Seminar in Washington, D.C.; a \$100 excess baggage/shipping allowance (international); a \$80 checked baggage allowance (domestic); and the opportunity to apply for collaborative grants with U.S. colleagues.

**Length of Support:** One semester.

**Eligible Applicants:** Secondary teachers from the Near East, South Asia, Southeast Asia, Africa, and Latin America. Applicants must be a citizen of one of the following countries to apply: Bangladesh, Brazil, Ecuador, Egypt, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Lebanon, Malaysia, Morocco, Philippines, Senegal, South Africa, Tunisia, Venezuela.

**Summary:** Initiated in 2005, the International Leaders in Education Program (ILEP) brings outstanding secondary teachers from the Near East, South Asia, Southeast Asia, Africa, and Latin America to the United States to further develop expertise in their subject areas, enhance their teaching skills, and increase their knowledge about the United States. ILEP is a program of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the US Department of State. **KEY ISSUES AND OBJECTIVES:** (a) to enhance teachers' expertise in their teaching discipline and equip them with a deeper understanding of best practices in teaching methodologies, lesson planning, and the use of technology in teaching; (b) to create among educators a more nuanced understanding of the United States; (c) to develop productive and lasting relationships and mutual understanding between the United States and international teachers and their students; (d) to contribute to improving teaching in participating countries 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. **PROJECT PLAN:** Professional training for 78 teachers for one semester, opportunity for 20 US teachers to participate in a two-week reciprocal visit and small grants issued for alumni activities.

**Detail Information:** <http://www.irex.org/programs/ilep/>