Grant Title: IREX INTERNATIONAL LEADERS IN EDUCATION PROGRAM

Funding Opportunity Number: N/A

Agency/Department: International Research & Exchange Board.

Area of Research: Bringing outstanding secondary school teachers from around the globe to the United States to further develop expertise in their subject areas, enhance their teaching skills, and increase their knowledge about the United States.

Release and Expiration: N/A

Application Deadline: N/A

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, DC; 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 book/professional development allowance; a Closing Seminar in Washington, D.C.; an excess baggage/shipping allowance (international); a checked baggage allowance (domestic); and the opportunity to apply for collaborative grants with US colleagues.

Length of Support: One semester.

Eligible Applicants: For international teachers, the applicant must be a secondary-level, full-time teacher with five or more years of classroom experience in disciplines including English as a Foreign Language, Social Studies, Civics, Mathematics, or Science. See full announcement for complete list of eligible applicants.

Summary: The International Leaders in Education Program (ILEP) brings outstanding secondary school teachers from around the globe to the United States to further develop expertise in their subject areas, enhance their teaching skills, and increase their knowledge about the United States. The Foundation's goals are to: build lasting relationships that promote international understanding and collaboration between U.S. and international teachers and students; provide in-service professional development to enhance teachers' expertise in their teaching disciplines and equip them with a deeper understanding of best practices in teaching methodologies, lesson planning, and the use of technology in education; and contribute to improving teaching in participating countries by preparing participants to serve as teacher leaders, equipped to apply and share their experience and skills with their colleagues and students upon returning home. ILEP consists of a semester-long academic program at a U.S. university, including coursework and intensive training in teaching methodologies, lesson planning, teaching strategies for their home environment, teacher leadership, as well as the use of computers for Internet, word processing and as tools for teaching. The semester-long program also includes an internship at a secondary school to engage participants actively with the American teachers and students.

Detailed Information: http://www.irex.org/project/international-leaders-education-program-ilep-0