



## **EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

### **The Teaching Excellence and Achievement Program (TEA)**

*Application deadline: April 1, 2016*

The U.S. Embassy in Zambia is proud to announce the Teaching Excellence and Achievement Program (TEA), which provides an opportunity for qualified secondary school teachers to participate in a 6-week teacher academic program in the United States commencing in early 2017.

TEA provides international teachers with unique opportunities to develop expertise in their subject areas, enhance their teaching skills, and increase their knowledge about the United States. TEA consists of a six-week non-degree, non-credit customized academic program including seminars on new teaching methodologies, curriculum development, lesson planning, and instructional technology. The program will also include a practicum of at least 40 hours with a U.S. partner teacher in a U.S. secondary school near the host university to actively engage participants in the U.S. classroom environment. Cultural enrichment, mentoring, and support will be provided to participants throughout the program.

Upon returning home, TEA program alumni are eligible to apply for small grants for essential teaching materials, follow-on training for other teachers, collaborative projects between schools in their home country and the United States, and other activities that build on their U.S. experience.

#### **Profile of the ideal TEA candidate:**

Successful TEA candidates are full-time **secondary school teachers** with a minimum of five-years teaching experience who demonstrate strong leadership potential and the ability to function well in an intensive and collaborative learning environment with teachers from around the world.

#### **Eligibility Requirements:**

1. Current secondary-level full-time teachers with five or more years of experience in one of the following disciplines:
  - a. English
  - b. Social Studies
  - c. Mathematics
  - d. Sciences
2. Proficient in written and spoken English, with a TOEFL score of 45 or higher (TOEFL testing fees are paid by the U.S. Embassy)
3. Intent to continue teaching after program completion
4. Complete application form

#### **HOW TO APPLY:**

You can submit an online application by clicking <http://oas.irex.org/tea>

**OR**

Provide a short personal statement (one page) indicating why you are interested in participating in the program, what makes you a strong candidate, and what you expect to get out of the experience.

1. Candidates should submit CV with the following information:

- A. Title of Program:
- B. Nominees Full Name: should match his/her passport and should be presented in the following order: Prefix (Dr., Mr., Mrs., Ms., Miss), Last Name(s), First Name, Middle Name.
- C. Gender
- D. Date of Birth (please spell out Month, Day, Year)
- E. Birth City
- F. Birth Country
- G. Country of Citizenship: Primary and, if applicable, secondary country
- H. Country of Residence
- I. Medical, Physical, Dietary or other Personal Considerations
- J. Contact Information: Home Address, City, Home Province, Home Country, E-mail, and Telephone.
- K. Current position/title, institutional name, and country
- L. Work Experience, including previous positions and titles
- M. Education, and Academic and Professional Training, including degree earned and fields of specialization. Degrees listed should reflect the closest U.S. equivalent.
- N. Active Professional Memberships
- O. Publications: Publications should include the publication year, type of publication, title, and publisher. (Please list no more than 10.)
- P. Previous Experience in the United States: Please list all trips the candidate has made to the United States and include approximate dates and the reason for travel.
- Q. Family Residing in the United States: Please list any immediate family members who currently are residing in the United States, including city and state.
- T. Personal Statement: In an essay no longer than one page the candidates should describe why they wish to participate in a Study of the U.S. Institute.

**Deadline for applications: Friday, April 1, 2016**