



Office of Graduate Fellowships

Professional Development Funding for:

Working (and Aspiring) Teachers

Introduction

The following competitive awards provided funded professional development experiences for K-12 teachers (some are also open to individuals who do administrative or curriculum development for K-12, or to college-level educators, but the primary focus is K-12 classroom teachers.) Because the Mason CEHD student community includes many working and aspiring educators, the Office of Graduate Fellowships provides information and support to students and recent alumni who are also teachers and who may wish to take advantage of these opportunities.

Some of the best-known programs for teachers are those that seek to provide an international experience in the form of a study tour or overseas seminar course, usually offered during the summer break. Other programs offer similar experiences domestically via a seminar or summer course focusing on a particular theme or topic. Yet other awards offer support for teachers or teachers in training who will teach in a specific subject area.

Edutopia has a great blog post with links to information about summer grant programs and funded professional development opportunities for teachers:

<http://www.edutopia.org/blog/teacher-travel-grants-resources-matt-davis>

Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Program

<http://fulbrightteacherexchange.org/>

The Fulbright Distinguished Fulbright Awards in Teaching (DA) program provides funding for highly accomplished U.S. primary and secondary level educators to take part in an intensive professional development program for three to six months abroad. Applicants must be U.S. citizens who hold (or are currently pursuing) a Master's degree and who possess 5+ years of professional experience. Participants study international best practices in education, observe classes, share professional expertise with educators in the host country, and develop leadership skills in a multi-cultural environment. Participating countries vary from year to year. The deadline is in November annually.

Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship (ETA)

<http://us.fulbrightonline.org/about/types-of-grants/english-teaching-assistant-grants>

The Fulbright U.S. student program offers opportunities to serve as a teaching assistant in English language classrooms worldwide. This program is designed primarily for recent graduates (BA or MA) or continuing Master's or PhD students with an interest in English teaching and international education. The ETA program is open to all fields of study, but candidate must demonstrate relevance to educational and career goals. Teaching or tutoring experience is a plus, though individuals with very substantial experience may be over-qualified. Requirements vary by county. Deadline: September 15 annually for Mason-affiliated applicants. Candidates for this award must apply through Mason's Office of Graduate Fellowships.

Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad

<http://www2.ed.gov/programs/iegpssap/index.html>

The program provides summer seminars abroad for U.S. educators in the social sciences and humanities for the purpose of improving their understanding and knowledge of the peoples and cultures of other countries. Generally three seminars are offered – one for primary school teachers, one for secondary, and one for post-secondary. All seminars take place in and focus on non-Western countries, and are geared toward participants who have little or no experience in those countries. Locations and program dates vary from year to year. Check web site for up-to-date information. Deadline: December.

Grosvenor Teacher Fellowships – National Geographic

<http://education.nationalgeographic.com/programs/grosvenor-teacher-fellow/>

National Geographic and Lindblad Expeditions take K-12 classroom teachers on expeditions around the world. Usually, 25 educators are selected for fellowship trips each year, and participants travel to exotic locations and participate in professional development and curriculum-building activities. Applications for the program open each year in December.

IIE AIFS Generation Study Abroad Enrichment Grants

<http://www.iie.org/Programs/Generation-Study-Abroad/Resources-for-Teachers>

IIE AIFS Foundation Generation Study Abroad Enrichment Grants is a professional development program to support U.S. secondary level (grades 6-12) teachers who have shown to be outstanding advocates for study abroad. The goal of the program is to help raise global awareness in the classroom and prepare students for global citizenship and study abroad. Teachers who receive an enrichment grant can conduct any learning activity in the US or abroad that enhances their international outlook and global experience. Fifty grants of \$1,000 are made each year. Applications due December 1.

NEH Summer Seminars/Institutes

<http://www.neh.gov/projects/si-school.html>

Summer enrichment programs for educators in the social sciences and humanities, running 3-8 weeks, located around the U.S. (and occasionally internationally.) Participants receive full funding for the program plus a stipend of up to \$4,000. Two types of program are offered – “seminars” and “institutes,” with some geared at schoolteachers and some at college/university faculty. Topics are listed on the web site a few months in advance of the deadline. Deadline: On or about March 1 annually.

IREX Teachers for Global Classrooms Program

<http://irex.org/project/teachers-global-classrooms-program-tgc>

The IREX TGC program is a year-long professional development opportunity for United States elementary, middle and high school teachers to become leaders in global education. Participating countries change from year to year but have recently included Brazil, Ghana, India, Indonesia, and Morocco.

AFCEA STEM Teachers Scholarships

<http://www.afcea.org/education/scholarships/undergraduate/TeachersScholarship.asp>

The AFCEA Educational Foundation offers competitive merit-based scholarships of \$5,000 each to students actively pursuing a graduate degree or credential/licensure for the purpose of teaching STEM (science, technology, engineering or math) subjects at a U.S. middle or secondary school. Applicants must be U.S. citizens. Applications available in January annually at the web site.

Knowles Science and Mathematics Teaching Fellowships

<http://www.kstf.org/fellowships/>

The KSTF supports individuals who have recently earned or are in the process of earning a degree in mathematics, physical sciences or biological sciences and are committed to pursuing a career in high school teaching in the relevant discipline(s). The fellowship offers a five-year package of comprehensive support, including tuition assistance, stipend, and professional development funds.

Madison Fellowships

<http://www.jamesmadison.com/>

The James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation offers \$24,000 James Madison Graduate Fellowships to individuals who are – or desire to become – outstanding teachers of the American Constitution at the secondary school level (grades 7-12). Fellowship applicants compete only against other applicants from the states of their legal residence. As funding permits, the Foundation plans to offer one fellowship per state per year. The award supports graduate education and the development of teaching skills on the U.S. Constitution. Typically candidates apply at the same time they apply to graduate programs, and winners take the award to the program of their choice.

Japan-U.S. Teacher Exchange Program for Education for Sustainable Development

<http://www.ije.org/en/Programs/ESD>

The Japan-U.S. Teacher Exchange Program for Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) will provide teachers and administrators in primary or secondary schools/school districts with a fully funded opportunity to travel to Japan during the summer to learn about ESD efforts and strengthen ESD curricula in both countries. Application deadline: February.

Earthwatch Teacher Fellowships – Tech Earth USA

<http://earthwatch.org/education/teacher-fellowships>

One-two week fully funded summer expeditions for K-12 teachers with focus on themes related to the environment and climate research. Teachers of all subjects/disciplines are accepted. Each year 3-4 expeditions are offered, including domestic and international destinations. Application deadline: December.

Fund for Teachers

<http://www.fundforteachers.org/>

Summer fellowship and professional development opportunities for teachers. Note that the fellowships offered through this organization are limited to specifically designated schools/districts. Applicant must check geographic eligibility and available programs on the web site, as well as requirements for each program. The fund for teachers also maintains a list of general opportunities for educators in a variety of fields:

<http://www.fundforteachers.org/teacher-resources/>

Goethe Institute Transatlantic Outreach Program

<http://www.goethe.de/ins/us/lp/prj/top/txl/enindex.htm>

Two-week funded programs for social studies and STEM teachers (K-12) to visit and learn about modern Germany. Most expenses are covered. Applications become available at the web site each year in the fall and are due in January.

English Speaking Union British Universities Summer School Program

http://www.esuus.org/esu/programs/british_summer_school/teacherresources/

Summer programs in the UK for teachers. The programs cost \$3,000-\$4,000 each, but full and partial scholarships are often available through nearest branch of the English Speaking Union:

<http://www.esuwdc.org/>. Application materials become available in late fall and are due in early March.

Fellowships in Korean Studies

http://www.koreasociety.org/korean_studies/fellowships/

Fully funded summer study tour in South Korea. Applications are invited from American educators (particularly in social studies) who would like to include Korea in their teaching, research or writing. Preferred qualifications and application deadlines vary by program.

Keizai Koho Center Teacher Fellowships

<http://www.us-japan.org/programs/kkc/k2016/index.html>

Keizai Koho Center (KKC), in cooperation with the National Association of Japan-America Societies (NAJAS) offers fully funded study tours in Japan for U.S. and Canadian social studies teachers (grades 6-12). Application deadline: February.

National Education Association (NEA) Foundation Grants for Educators

<http://www.neafoundation.org/pages/grants-to-educators/>

The NEA offers a variety of grant programs for educators. To see current opportunities, visit the web page.

PolarTREC

<https://www.polartrec.com/>

PolarTREC sends k-12 teachers to polar and subpolar regions in both the Arctic (Alaska, Greenland, Finland) and Antarctica for science-focused professional development experiences. It is funded by the National Science Foundation and administered by the Arctic Research Consortium of the United States. The focus is on science. Applications open in the summer and are due in the early fall annually. Results are announced in December for the following summer.

Toyota International Teacher Programs

<http://www.iiie.org/en/Programs/Toyota-International-Teacher-Program>

The Toyota International Teacher Program is an international professional development opportunity for U.S. secondary school teachers (grades 7-12) focusing on environmental stewardship and global connectedness. Selected teachers travel on a fully funded 2-3 week summer study tour to a country that is at the forefront of innovative solutions to environmental challenges. Programs are currently offered in Japan, the Galapagos Islands, Costa Rica, and South Africa. This program is not currently operating but may be reopened in the future – monitor the web site for updates.

Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowships (STEM Teaching)

<http://woodrow.org/fellowships/ww-teaching-fellowships/>

The Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowship seeks to attract talented, committed individuals with backgrounds in the STEM fields—science, technology, engineering, and mathematics—into teaching in high-need secondary schools in Georgia, Indiana, and New Jersey. Eligible applicants include current undergraduates, recent college graduates, midcareer professionals, and retirees who have majored in, or had careers in, STEM fields. The Fellowship also works to change the way top teachers are prepared, partnering with colleges and universities that have agreed to provide Fellows with innovative, year-long classroom experiences, rigorous academic work, and ongoing mentoring. The award funds the Fellow’s graduate education and offers a stipend and professional development opportunities.