

Program Description:

The FLTA program is a nine-month, non-degree program aimed at strengthening foreign language instruction at U.S. colleges and universities, and some high schools, while providing current or future teachers of English with the opportunity to refine their skills, increase their English language proficiency, and extend their knowledge of U.S. society and culture. FLTA fellows also interact with their host communities in conversation groups, extracurricular activities, and community outreach projects. FLTA fellows must return to their home countries upon completion of the program.

FLTA fellows may assist in or teach up to two language classes and are required to enroll in at least two courses per semester, one of which must be in U.S. studies. The remaining coursework should relate to their careers in English language teaching. FLTA fellows will also be expected to facilitate cultural events, language clubs, and language tables.

FLTA fellows will be required to attend an orientation arranged by ECA during the summer of 2011 before arriving at their host institutions in August. FLTA fellows will also be required to attend a mid-year enrichment workshop that will be hosted by ECA in the United States to share and discuss foreign language teaching best practices and their current teaching experiences with other FLTA fellows.

Eligibility:

Applicants must be teachers of English or on training to become teachers of English and at minimum must possess the equivalent of a U.S. bachelor's degree by June 2011. Fluency in English is mandatory, demonstrated by a score of no less than 550 (paper based TOEFL); 213 (computer based TOEFL - CBT); 79-80 (internet based TOEFL- IBT) or 6.0 (overall score international English language testing system – IELTS). Applicants must demonstrate maturity, dependability, integrity and professionalism. Applicants must be residing in their home country throughout the nomination and selection process. Applicants must be between 21 and 29 years old at the time of application. FLTA fellows are required to return to their home countries upon completion of the nine-month program. ECA will not support any extension requests for fellows. Dependents are not allowed to accompany fellows on this program.

Application Package:

A complete application package includes the on-line application, academic transcripts, letters of reference, and TOEFL or IELTS score report. A complete medical history and examination form, in addition to a valid passport with an expiration date of no earlier than December 31, 2011, will be required.

Deadline:

The deadline for the applications is July 15, 2010