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The Principal  
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Under Varanasi Region

**Sub: Announcement of 2017 Fulbright Distinguished Award in Teaching Programme-reg.**

Madam/Sir,

With reference to the KVS (HQ) letter .no. F. 110332/08/2016-17/KVS(HQ)/Acad.(Fulbright)/603-629 dated 15.09.2016 (letter enclosed), you are requested to bring it to the notice of all the teachers in your Vidyalaya. The application duly completed must reach this office on or before 23.09.2016 for onward submission to KVS (HQ). Kindly use enclosed KVS (HQ) letter for getting other supporting details

This is for your kind information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

(Menaxi Jain)  
Assistant Commissioner



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The Deputy Commissioner  
Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan  
All Regional offices

Subject:-Announcement of 2017 Fulbright Distinguished Award in Teaching Programme

Madam/Sir,

The United States-India Educational Foundation (USIEF) has informed vide letter dated 09.09.2016 as under:-

United States-India Educational Foundation (USIEF) has announced the **2017 Fulbright Distinguished Award in Teaching Programme** and invites applications from full time teachers teaching any subject at any level (Primary, Middle or Secondary) at a school in India. **This programme is also open to primary and secondary level library media specialists, guidance counsellors, curriculum specialists, special educations coordinators, gifted and talented coordinators, and administrators who spend at least fifty percent of their time teaching or working directly with students.** The U.S. Government sponsored program 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.

This is semester- long program. Selected international participants will be placed at a U.S. host university School of Education from Mid-August to Mid December 2017.

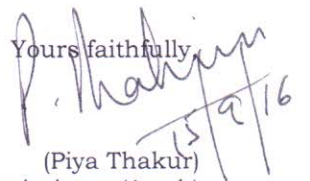
Details regarding the Program and the application form/procedure have been uploaded on website [www.kvsangathan.nic.in](http://www.kvsangathan.nic.in). and <https://dafulbrightteachers.org/Home.aspx> to access the online application. For instructions on completing the online application, please visit the link <http://www.usief.org.in/Fellowships/Distinguished-Fulbright-Awards-Teaching-Program.aspx>.

You are requested to bring it to the notice of all the teachers in Kendriya Vidyalayas under your jurisdiction. The application duly completed must reach this office on or before 28.09.2016 for onward submission to USIEF before 12.10.2016. **The proposals will not be entertained if received directly from the Teacher/Principal in this office or USIEF. All concerned are, therefore, requested to apply through proper channel. Last date as decided by KVS at 28.09.2016 should be strictly adhered to. Application received after due date will not be forwarded.**

The Deputy Commissioners are requested to check the antecedents of applicants especially vigilance clearance properly before recommending the cases to KVS (HQ).

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully



(Piya Thakur)

Deputy Commissioner (Acad.)

Copy to:-

1. The Indian Programme Manager, United State-Indian Educational Foundation, 12, Hailey Road, New Delhi-110001 with reference to her letter dated 09.09.2016-for information.
2. The EDP Cell with request to upload this letter on KVS website.



## 2017-2018 Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Program



### Program Description

The Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Program, sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State, recognizes and encourages excellence in teaching in the U.S. and abroad. It is part of the overall Fulbright Program, named in honor of Senator J. William Fulbright, which promotes mutual understanding among people of the United States and other countries. The program brings approximately 20 international teachers to the U.S. for a semester and sends U.S. teachers abroad for three to six months. For international teachers, the program is open to teachers from Botswana, Finland, India, Israel, Mexico, Morocco, New Zealand, Palestinian Territories, Singapore, Taiwan, and Vietnam. Up to four teachers from India will participate in the program.

### Program Components

Selected international participants will be placed at a U.S. host university School of Education from mid-August to mid-December, 2017. The host university will provide a broad range of resources in the teachers' fields of expertise. International teachers who are selected to participate in the Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Program will:

- 1) enroll in advanced undergraduate or graduate level classes,
- 2) design and conduct an inquiry project of direct relevance to their educational practice,
- 3) observe classes, team teach and/or conduct seminars or workshops for U.S. teachers and students in local schools;
- 4) participate in an online professional learning community with other participants to share best practices and other elements of host and home country educational systems; and
- 5) engage in other teaching related activities.

Upon returning home, participants will be expected to integrate international best practices in education and inquiry project findings into their classrooms, school and communities. The participants will expand global and intercultural awareness of students and colleagues by sharing their Fulbright experience in India. In addition, they are expected to develop partnerships and joint projects with schools and classrooms in the U.S.

### Eligibility Requirements

The applicants should:

- Be a citizen of India and reside in India at the time of application. Be qualified to obtain/hold a valid Indian passport.
- Hold at least a bachelor's degree. A teacher training degree is preferred.
- Be full time teachers teaching any subject at any level (primary, middle or secondary).
- Have completed at least five years of full time teaching experience at the program start.
- Primary and secondary level library media specialists, guidance counselors, curriculum specialists, special education coordinators, gifted and talented coordinators, and administrators who spend at least fifty percent of their time teaching or working directly with students may also apply to the program.
- Teacher trainers are eligible to apply.



- Demonstrate leadership and have experience leading workshops or other professional development activities for the colleagues.
- Demonstrate good English language competence.

If you have taken any standard test of English language proficiency such as the TOEFL or IELTS, please attach a photocopy of the score report to your application. If you have not taken the TOEFL or IELTS and are selected as a nominee, you will be required to take the TOEFL in December 2016. USIEF will provide fee vouchers towards the TOEFL exam. The nominee should possess a paper based TOEFL score of 550 (213 Computer Based TOEFL, 79 Internet Based TOEFL) or an IELTS score of 6.5.

Preference will be given to applicants who have not previously participated in any Fulbright Teacher grant, do not have substantial recent experience in the U.S. and to those who serve students in under-resourced communities or from underserved groups.

### **Grant Benefits**

Program costs such as tuition, room and board and transportation are covered by the Fulbright grant. Participants will receive a maintenance allowance designed to assist with the costs of living during the U.S. program. Grantees will also have the opportunity to apply for professional development funds during their program to support development and research or to cover the expenses of attending a conference or workshop related to their fields of teaching expertise.

Dependents are allowed to accompany the program participants. Grantees are responsible for all costs for family members while in the U.S. and must demonstrate that they have sufficient funds available to support their family while in the U.S.

### **Inquiry Project**

The inquiry project synthesizes the study, inquiry and professional development activities undertaken by Fulbright Distinguished Teachers while in the U.S. The form and content of the project is proposed by the applicant at the time of application. Projects should encourage cross-cultural dialogue, demonstrate relevance and applicability to education in India and the U.S.; and directly reflect and incorporate activities undertaken as part of the Fulbright program. Participants should be creative in developing program activities that will enhance their project and contribute to its successful completion and implementation. The host university will assign each participant a university faculty advisor who will help refine and complete the participants' inquiry project. The final product(s) should be designed to benefit the students and colleagues in the participant's school and community in India.

### **Application Procedure**

You have to submit an **application online**. Click <https://dafulbrightteachers.org/Home.aspx> to access the online application.

For **instructions** on completing the online application, please visit the link <http://www.usief.org.in/Fellowships/Distinguished-Fulbright-Awards-Teaching-Program.aspx>.

Once you submit your online application print a copy for your record. The paper copy of your Leave Authorization form, forwarded through the appropriate administrative authority/official must reach USIEF Delhi, 12 Hailey Road, New Delhi 110 001, no later than **October 12, 2016**. Please write **ATTN: Fulbright**

**Distinguished Awards in Teaching Program** on the envelope.

For any queries, you can write to Dr. Gayatri Singhal at [gayatri@usief.org.in](mailto:gayatri@usief.org.in) or call at 011-42090949.

**Selection Procedure and Timeline**

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| 1. <b>Application Deadline:</b>  | <b>October 12, 2016</b>  |
| 2. Screening of applications:    | end October 2016         |
| 3. National Interviews in Delhi: | mid to end November 2016 |
| 4. Notification of Finalists:    | March 2017               |

Fellows will be selected through a merit-based open competition. After the application deadline, a screening committee will review all eligible applications. Short listed candidates will be interviewed by a committee in New Delhi which will select nominees whose names will be forwarded to Washington DC for further consideration. Nominees will be required to take the iBT TOEFL examination in December 2016. All nominations from the participating countries will be reviewed by independent panels of educational experts in Washington, DC. The panel will then recommend selected applications for further consideration and approval by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FSB). All candidates will be notified of their status in March 2017.

**Application Deadline is October 12, 2016**

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