

# Select Global Education Opportunities

For Nebraska Educators and Students

2014

### INTERNATIONAL STUDY/INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

## Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program

The Gilman Scholarship Program offers a competition for awards to study abroad. This scholarship provides U.S. undergraduate students who are receiving Federal Pell Grant funding an opportunity to add an international component to their education.

- Website: www.iie.org/gilman
- <u>Application Deadline:</u> Early October and Early March
- <u>Eligibility</u>: The program is open to all U.S. citizen undergraduates, in good academic standing, who are receiving the Federal Pell Grant at a two-year or four-year college or university. Participants must be in the process of applying to or have been accepted into a study abroad program that is eligible for credit by the student's accredited institution of higher education in the U.S.
- <u>Funding</u>: Over 2,300 scholarships of up to \$5,000 will be awarded this academic year for U.S. citizen undergraduates to study abroad. The award is used to defray study abroad costs, including program tuition, room and board, books, local transportation, insurance and international airfare. An additional \$8,000 supplemental award is available for those studying critical languages.
- <u>Time Frame/Length</u>: The study abroad program must be at least four weeks.

## Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX) for Young Professionals

The Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX) for Young Professionals is a full-year work-study scholarship program with a strong focus on cultural exchange. CBYX annually provides 75 young Americans with an understanding of everyday life, education, and professional training in Germany, as students have the opportunity to study, work, and live with a host. The CBYX for Young Professionals program is intended primarily for young adults in business, vocational, scientific, engineering, technical, and agricultural fields, though applicants from all fields are encouraged to apply.

- Website: <u>http://www.cdsintl.org/fellowshipsabroad/cbyx.php</u>
- <u>Application Deadline</u>: December 1<sup>st</sup> for the following program year.
- <u>Eligibility:</u> Students must be 18-24 years old at the beginning of the program; have a minimum of high school diploma or equivalent; have completed general coursework in their field at a community college, college, or university; and have completed some relevant work experience (short-term, volunteer, or internship) in their target career field.
- <u>Funding</u>: Although the scholarship covers international travel costs and a stipend, it is possible that the participant will be required to use some of this personal money to cover basic living expenses during the internship phase.
- <u>Time Frame/Length</u>: The program begins in July and includes two months of intensive German language training in Germany (no prior German language knowledge required), four months of classroom instruction at a German university or college of applied sciences, and a five-month internship in a participant's career field.

#### Fund for Education Abroad

The FEA provides scholarships and grants to reduce financial restrictions for American students who want to participate in education study abroad programs.

- Website: www.fundforeducationabroad.org
- <u>Application Deadline:</u> Mid-November
- <u>Eligibility</u>: Undergraduate students who have applied for a study abroad program are eligible to apply. Students must commit to spending 4 weeks overseas, and upon return, students help support

education abroad in their campus community through work with the FEA and the campus education abroad staff. Up to 15 scholarships are awarded per year.

- <u>Funding</u>: Up to \$10,000 is awarded to cover tuition and fees.
- <u>Time Frame/Length</u>: Study abroad programs supported by the scholarship can range from 4 weeks to one calendar year.

#### Individual Advanced Research Opportunities Program (IARO)

#### (Graduate Students)

The IARO Program provides fellowships to US scholars and professionals for overseas research in Eastern Europe and Eurasia on contemporary political, economic, historical, or cultural developments relevant to US foreign policy. Eligible countries of research focus include: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan.

- <u>Website</u>: <u>http://www.irex.org/project/individual-advanced-research-opportunities-iaro</u>
- <u>Application Deadline</u>: Mid-November
- <u>Eligibility:</u> Master's students, PhD students, or professionals already holding one of following degrees (MA, MS, MFA, MBA, MPA, MLIS, MPH, JD, MD, PhD). Candidates must have the proper language skills to carry out their research.
- <u>Funding</u>: The grant provides for roundtrip international airfare, a monthly allowance and living expenses, travel visa, and emergency evacuation insurance.
- <u>Time Frame/Length</u>: Fellowships for Master's students are 1-3 months. They typically will begin on or after June 1 and must be completed by the end of August.

## Boren Fellowship and Scholarship

Boren Scholarships and Fellowships provide opportunities for U.S. undergraduate and graduate students to add important international and language elements to their education. Both programs support study and research in areas of the world that are critical to U.S. interests, including Africa, Asia, Central & Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East. The countries of Western Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand are excluded.

Upon completion of the program, Boren scholars and fellows are required to serve for one year in the Federal Government in a position with national security responsibilities.

- Website: <u>http://www.borenawards.org/boren\_fellowship</u>
- <u>Application Deadline</u>: Late January
- <u>Eligibility</u>: Undergraduate students are eligible to apply for the Boren Scholarship, while graduate students are eligible for Boren Fellowships.
- <u>Funding</u>: The Boren Scholarship and Fellowships cover costs associated with the study abroad program, including tuition and fees, room and board, books, insurance, local transportation, and round-trip airfare on a U.S. carrier.
- <u>Time Frame/Length</u>: Boren Fellowship awards are made for a minimum of 12 weeks and maximum of 24 months. Overseas programs can be no longer than one year. Boren-funded programs can begin no earlier than June 1.

# JET – The Japan Exchange and Teaching Program

The JET program welcomes participants from 40 countries, including the U.S, to come to Japan and promote international exchange and cross-cultural understanding between Japan and other nations. Participants are assigned to be either Assistant Language Teachers (ALTs) who provide language

instruction in elementary, junior and senior high schools; Coordinators for International Relations (CIRs) who work in communities on international exchange activities; or Sports Exchange Advisors (SEAs) who promote international exchange through sports.

- Website: <u>http://www.jetprogramme.org/</u>
- Application Deadline: Mid-November.
- <u>Eligibility</u>: Participants must hold a Bachelor's degree and be interested in Japan, the Japanese educational system, and working with Japanese students.
- <u>Funding</u>: JET participants receive a salary, which is meant to cover the cost of rent, bills, and other living expenses.
- <u>Time Frame/Length:</u> The JET Program welcomes participants twice each year, based on the participating country. JET is a one-year commitment, and it is possible to renew up to four more years.

# Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program

This program provides grants to support overseas projects in training, research, and curriculum development in modern foreign languages and area studies by teachers, undergraduate and graduate students, and faculty engaged in a common endeavor. Projects may include short-term seminars, curriculum development, group research or study, or advanced intensive language programs that focus on the humanities, social sciences, or languages.

- Website: http://www2.ed.gov/programs/iegpsgpa/index.html
- Application Deadline: Mid-June
- Eligibility: Institutions of higher education, state departments of education, and private, nonprofit educational organizations. Participants in the group must be: a faculty member in modern foreign languages or area studies; or a teacher in an elementary or secondary school; or an experienced education administrator responsible for planning, conducting, or supervising programs in modern foreign languages or area studies at the elementary, secondary, or postsecondary level; or a graduate student, or a junior or senior in an institution of higher education who plans a teaching career in modern foreign languages or area studies.
- <u>Funding</u>: Grant funds may be used for the following: a maintenance stipend, international travel, local travel allowance, rent for instructional facilities, administrative and professional services, purchase of books and teaching materials in the country of study.
- <u>Time Frame/Length</u>: Each project enables a group of faculty from institutions of higher education and graduate and undergraduate students to undertake research or study overseas for three to 12 months.
- <u>Other Requirements:</u> Projects must focus on the humanities, social sciences and languages, and must focus on one or more of the following areas: Africa, East Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia and the Pacific, the Western Hemisphere (Central and South America, Mexico, and the Caribbean), East Central Europe and Eurasia, and the Near East.

#### National Flagship Language Program

The Language Flagship is a breakthrough in foreign language and culture instruction in the United States. It is designed to help individuals achieve superior-level proficiency in critical languages including Arabic, Chinese, Hindi/Urdu, Korean, Persian/Farsi, and Eurasian Languages. The Language Flagship awards grants to U.S. universities recognized as leaders in the field of language education. Flagship Centers and Flagship Partner Programs offer students intensive language instruction to enhance their academic degrees. Programs are available at both undergraduate and graduate levels, and include periods of domestic training and cultural immersion at Overseas Flagship Centers.

- <u>Website</u>: <u>http://www.thelanguageflagship.org/home</u>
- <u>Application Deadline</u>: Mid-January, though application requirements and deadlines vary across Flagship programs.
- <u>Eligibility</u>: Applicants must have minimum proficiency (advanced low level) in the appropriate foreign language. (Information on proficiency levels can be found at: http://www.languagetesting.com/gov\_opi.htm).
- <u>Funding</u>: Student funding is available directly through Flagship Fellowships or through Flagship university partners. Fellowships offer tuition, a modest stipend for living expenses, support for travel costs, and health insurance coverage
- <u>Time Frame/Length:</u> Flagship programs are two years

# The Critical Language Scholarship (CLS)

A program of the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, The Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program provides overseas foreign language instruction and cultural enrichment experiences in 13 critical need languages for U.S. students in higher education. The program offers intensive summer language institutes overseas for the summer months.

- <u>Website</u>: <u>http://www.clscholarship.org/</u>
- <u>Application Deadline</u>: Mid-November
- <u>Eligibility</u>: Applicants must be currently enrolled in a U.S. degree-granting program at the undergraduate or graduate level. Current undergraduate students must have completed at least one year of general college course-work. Previous language study is also required for some of the targeted languages (proficiency requirements can be found on the website).
- <u>Funding</u>: All CLS Program costs are covered for participants including: travel to and from the student's U.S. home city and program location, a mandatory Washington, D.C. pre-departure orientation, applicable visa fees, room, board, group-based intensive language instruction, program-sponsored travel within country, and all entrance fees for CLS Program cultural enhancement activities.
- <u>Time Frame/Length:</u> Programs are 7 10 weeks.

# American Councils for International Education

American Councils administers a variety of cultural exchange, study abroad, and research programs. Participation in these programs is through an open, merit-based competition, and facilitates mutual understanding between the United States and Eurasia, Southeast Europe, and South Asia. Current program offerings are available on their website.

- Website: http://www.americancouncils.org/exTraining.php
- <u>Application Deadline</u>: See website for various programs.
- <u>Eligibility</u>: School administrators, teachers, and/or students.

# People to People Citizen Ambassador Leadership Program

People to People offers opportunities for students and educators to travel internationally, visit classrooms, observe teaching methods, and meet with their counterparts and colleagues in different countries. Qualified educators who are chosen to lead delegations receive all-expenses-paid travel to exciting destinations within the United States and around the world.

- <u>Website</u>: <u>https://www.peopletopeople.com/OurPrograms/CAP/Pages/Education.aspx</u>.
- <u>Eligibility</u>: (To lead a delegation) Preference is given to current teachers who have classroom experience with students in the 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. For Leadership Programs (students grades 5-12), teacher leaders may also be retired educators or junior/senior/master's level education candidates who are studying to be teachers. All leaders must be CPR certified.

• <u>Time Frame/Length</u>: International programs for middle, junior high, and high school delegations are all approximately three weeks in length. International programs for fifth- and sixth-grade students range from two to three weeks in length. Leadership Programs require attendance from 3 to 12 days.

# Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Abroad (YES Abroad)

The Kennedy-Lugar YES Abroad program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, offers 65 American high school students and recent graduates in the U.S. full scholarships for up to one academic year in countries with significant Muslim populations. For the 2013-2014 academic year, YES Abroad students may live in the following countries: Bosnia & Herzegovina, Egypt, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mali, Morocco, Oman, South Africa, Thailand, Tunisia, and Turkey.

- <u>Website:</u> <u>http://yesprograms.org/yesabroad</u>
- Application deadline: Early January
- <u>Eligibility:</u> US citizens in high school (or recently graduated) aged 15-18
- <u>Funding</u>: Tuition, room and board with a host family, travel to and from host community, health care, and visa fees.
- <u>Length of Program/Time Frame</u>: One academic year

## **Congress Bundestag Youth Exchange Program**

The Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX) program is for motivated high school students who want to experience a culture and learn a language through a full immersion experience, earn a competitive edge for your college applications, learn about German culture first-hand by living with a host family and attending a German high school, connect to an elite network of U.S. Department of State program alumni, and embark on an adventure that is unlike any other.

- <u>Website:</u> http://www.usagermanyscholarship.org/
- <u>Application deadline</u>: December-February (depending on sponsoring organization)
- <u>Eligibility:</u> High school students 15-18 and young professionals aged 18-24
- <u>Funding:</u> Round-trip travel between Washington, D.C. and your placement city in Germany, tuition and academic materials, in-country support, cultural excursions, pre-departure and reentry orientation, room and board, and secondary medical benefits.
- Length of Program/Time Frame: One academic year

#### National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y)

The U.S. Department of State, in cooperation with American Councils for International Education, awards and administers merit-based scholarships to high school students for participation in summer and academic year immersion programs in locations where the seven NSLI-Y languages are spoken. Programs immerse participants in the cultural life of the host country, giving them invaluable formal and informal language practice and sparking a lifetime interest in foreign languages and cultures. Languages include: Arabic, Chinese, Hindi, Korean, Persian, Tajik, Russian, and Turkish.

- <u>Website: http://yesprograms.org/yesabroad</u>
- <u>Application deadline:</u> Early November
- <u>Eligibility:</u> US citizens in high school aged 15-18
- <u>Funding</u>: Round-trip travel between home region and your placement region, tuition and academic materials, in-country support, pre-departure and re-entry orientation, room and board, and secondary medical benefits.
- <u>Length of Program/Time Frame</u>: Either 8 weeks summer program or 8-11 month academic year program.

#### American Youth Leadership Program

The American Youth Leadership Program is a leadership training exchange program for U.S. high school students and adult mentors. Participants travel abroad to gain firsthand knowledge of foreign cultures and to examine globally significant issues, such as the environment and climate change, food security and nutrition, the role of the media, and science and technology. Programs involve homestays with local families, language lessons, leadership training, and community service opportunities. Participants implement a follow-on project in their communities once they return home. Travel for 3-4 weeks to grain firsthand knowledge of foreign cultures in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cambodia, Malaysia and Singapore, Paraguay, Peru, Samoa, and Uganda.

- <u>Website:</u> http://exchanges.state.gov/us/program/american-youth-leadership-program
- <u>Application deadline:</u> Details vary by country.
- <u>Eligibility:</u> American students aged 15-17 with at least one more semester in high school.
- <u>Funding:</u> Details vary by country.
- Length of Program/Time Frame: 3-4 weeks

## INSTITUTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

# Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program

Undergraduate Students - WAS NOT AWARDED THIS YEAR

This program provides funds to institutions of higher education, consortia of such institutions, or partnerships between nonprofit organizations and institutions of higher education to plan, develop, and implement programs that strengthen and improve undergraduate instruction in international studies and foreign languages.

- Website: <u>http://www2.ed.gov/programs/iegpsugisf/index.html</u>
- <u>Eligibility</u>: Institutions of higher education and nonprofit organizations, including professional and scholarly associations, are eligible to apply for grants under the Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program.
- <u>Funding</u>: Specific allowable costs include salaries, acquisition costs for library or teaching materials, staff travel, and professional service costs for consultants and guest lecturers. Funds may be used for overseas travel if tied primarily to the curricular responsibilities of faculty involved in the program.
- <u>Time Frame/Length</u>: Grant awards are normally made for projects extending over a period of two years.

# Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships Program

The Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships (FLAS) Program provides grants to a select number of public and private institutions of higher education to enable them to offer competitive academic year and summer fellowships to meritorious undergraduate and graduate students annually. Students use the fellowships to pursue advanced training in modern foreign languages domestically or abroad, and either area studies or international studies. The structure of a FLAS program may be interdisciplinary or multi-disciplinary, including the humanities, social sciences, or other professional studies, and must include the study of the languages of the geographical area of specialization.

- Website: http://www2.ed.gov/programs/iegpsflasf/index.html
- <u>Eligibility:</u> Institutions of higher education and consortia of institutions of higher education submit applications to the U.S. Department of Education to request FLAS grants (allocations of fellowships). Eligible undergraduate students and graduate students apply directly to an institution that has received an allocation of fellowships from the U.S. Department of Education.
- <u>Funding:</u> Each fellowship includes an institutional payment and a subsistence allowance. The estimated institutional payment for an academic year 2010-2011 fellowship was \$18,000 for a

graduate student and \$10,000 for an undergraduate student. The estimated institutional payment for a summer 2011 fellowship was \$5,000 for graduate and undergraduate students.

• <u>Time Frame/Length</u>: Institutions compete for fellowship allocations every four years.

### INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATORS/PROFESSORS:

### The Hilton HHonors Teacher Treks Travel Grant Competition

This program gives teachers the chance to experience first-hand the lessons they teach in the classroom. It will provide 15 teachers with a grant to travel overseas during their summer vacation. Through an essay submission, teachers will discuss cultural destinations they have always wanted to visit and explain how they would share the experiences from a trip there with their students. Thirty finalists will be selected by a panel of judges that will include education experts and teachers. Profiles of the 30 finalists will then be displayed on the Teacher Treks website, and the public can vote on their favorite candidates. The applicants with the most votes will win.

- <u>Website</u>: <u>http://hiltonhhonors.com/teachertreks</u>
- <u>Application Deadline:</u> Mid-March
- <u>Eligibility</u>: To be eligible for the program, each applicant must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old, a full-time, certified K-12 teacher living in the U.S. or Puerto Rico and have worked as a full time teacher in the U.S. or Puerto Rico for at least three years as of January 1st. Teachers of any subject are welcome to apply.
- <u>Funding</u>: There will be thirty finalists who receive a \$2,500 donation for their schools, and all applicants are entered into a sweepstakes to win a \$1,500 donation for a classroom cultural excursion. Of these thirty finalists, fifteen winners will be chosen, and they will receive a grant valued at \$6,000 to travel overseas during their summer vacation. In addition to the trip, each winning teachers' school will also receive a \$2,500 donation to use for cultural activities or enhancements.
- <u>Program Time Frame</u>: Summer term following application deadline.

# Fulbright Hays Seminars Abroad

The Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad program provides opportunities for overseas experience. The program is open to educators and administrators with responsibilities for curriculum development in fields related to humanities, languages, and area studies. All seminars are in non-western European countries. Seminars are designed to provide a broad and introductory cultural orientation to a particular country.

- Website: <u>http://www.ed.gov/programs/iegpssap</u>
- <u>Application Deadline:</u> Mid-December
- <u>Eligibility:</u> Must have at least three years of full-time experience, and must be currently employed full-time in a professional capacity in a U.S. school system, institution of higher education, local education agency (LEA), state education agency (SEA), library, or museum.
- <u>Funding</u>: The award includes round-trip economy airfare, room and board, fees, and program-related travel within the host country.
- <u>Program Time Frame</u>: Seminars are four to six weeks in duration and usually take place from late May to mid-August. All seminars are held in countries outside of Western Europe.

#### **Transatlantic Outreach Program**

The Transatlantic Outreach Program (TOP) uses Modern Germany as a basis of comparison and contrast to internationalize Social Studies curriculum, as well as to provide international exposure to Social Studies educators in the United States and Canada. TOP sends Social Studies educators to Germany every summer on study tours, exposing them to the government and education systems, large and small businesses, and various examples of culture. Upon completion of the study tour, educators return to the United States and Canada to write a unit of learning, as well as conduct two in-service training workshops.

- Website: http://www.goethe.de/ins/us/lp/prj/top/txl/app/enindex.htm
- <u>Application deadline</u>: Early February
- <u>Eligibility</u>: The TOP Program does accept Social Studies methods professors and curriculum coordinators as eligible applicants.
- <u>Funding</u>: TOP pays for most expenses through the generosity of its program partners. Support includes domestic and international transportation fees, hotel accommodation fees, two meals per day while abroad (usually breakfast and dinner), and any mandatory study tour related fees, such as museum entry fees, bicycle rental fees, etc.
- <u>Length of Program/Time Frame</u>: The study tours are two weeks in length and take place during the summer months.

## **Global Exploration for Educators Organizations**

GEEO is a non-profit organization dedicated to encouraging and assisting teachers to travel abroad and share their experiences with students upon return to the classroom. These trips are customized to include activities that will be particularly interesting to teachers, such as school visits. GEEO also arranges tours for private group trips (e.g. specific university departments) provided that there are at least 8 people.

- Website: <u>http://www.geeo.org</u>
- <u>Application Deadline</u>: There is no application process, and the trips are offered on a first come, first serve basis.
- <u>Eligibility:</u> Professors and university students who are studying to become educators are welcomed to participate.
- <u>Funding</u>: Costs are paid for by the participants.
- <u>Time Frame/Length</u>: Trips are 2-3 weeks in length and are limited to 10-16 teachers and their traveling companions.

#### East - West Center

#### AsiaPacificEd Programs for Schools

The East-West Center in Hawaii supports U.S.-Asia Pacific engagement by providing cross-cultural learning and exchange opportunities for teachers and students from the United States and the Asia-Pacific region. They host summer institutes, which are designed for undergraduate faculty (primarily in the humanities and social sciences) and are held at the East-West Center campus in Honolulu. Programs blend content-focused lectures with group discussions, film showings, and cultural events.

- Website: <u>www.asiapacificed.org</u>
- <u>Time Frame/Length</u>: Programs are 2- to 5-weeks in length

#### Keizai Koho Center

The Keizai Koho Center funds a ten-day tour of Japan for American educators and administrators with some experience in curriculum design. Participants study contemporary Japanese society and learn how to enhance their classroom teaching of global perspectives.

- Website: <u>http://www.us-japan.org/</u>
- <u>Application deadline</u>: Mid-February
- <u>Eligibility</u>: Faculty associated with 4 year colleges who are directly concerned with the training of K-12 teachers are eligible to apply.

- <u>Other Requirements</u>: Participants must not have lived in Japan or visited the country on a similar fellowship.
- <u>Funding</u>: The fellowship covers air transportation from the fellow's home city to Japan and return, as well as accommodations, transportation as called for by the itinerary, and some meals.
- <u>Time Frame/Length of Program</u>: June-July

# The Korea Society

# Fellowship in Korean Studies

The Korea Society has fully-funded Korean Study fellowships available to American educators and professors, with preference given to those who demonstrate an ability to adapt to new cultural settings, as well as an ability to manage the physical and psychological demands of an intensive study abroad program. The fellowship is an opportunity to learn about the history and culture of Korea, while experiencing the Korean education system and interacting with Korean teachers.

- Website: <u>http://www.koreasociety.org</u>
- Application Deadline: Early February for Spring, April for Summer, Mid-August for Fall
- <u>Eligibility:</u> Social studies professionals, including middle school and high school classroom teachers, administrators, and professors or instructors in schools of education are invited to apply.
- <u>Funding</u>: The costs of round-trip international airfare, accommodations, meals, and program fees
  will be provided courtesy of the generous financial support of the Korea Foundation.
- <u>Time Frame/Length:</u> March-April for Spring, June-July for Summer, October for Fall

## VOLUNTEER AND OTHER TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

# UBECI

UBECI is a small nonprofit organization in Quito, Ecuador whose mission is to develop programs that will benefit at risk children, child laborers, street children or other children that are isolated from the larger city. With these programs, they aim to focus on the needs of the children, providing equal access to activities, social participation, values, education, health, self-esteem, affection, and family involvement.

- Website: <u>http://www.ubeci.org/index.html</u>
- <u>Eligibility:</u> Volunteers must be 18 years old. College students, teachers and education professionals are especially encouraged to apply. Knowledge of Spanish is helpful but not mandatory.
- <u>Cost:</u> Volunteers profit from home stay accommodations (as well as optional Spanish language lessons) for very low cost.
- <u>Time Frame/Length</u>: The minimum time to volunteer is one week.

# Constru Casa

Constru Casa is a Guatemalan non-profit organization that offers basic, safe housing to families living in extreme poverty. There is an overseas foundation, Friends of Constru Casa, made possible, in part, by the support of Nebraskans who have volunteered for the organization. Constru Casa collaborates with social organizations in Guatemala to provide housing, community construction projects and health and education service programs to our families. Volunteer groups from the U.S. have the opportunity to travel to Guatemala, help build a home, and meet the family who will live there.

• Website: <a href="http://www.construcasa.org/index.php?lang=en">http://www.construcasa.org/index.php?lang=en</a>

#### i to i Volunteer

i to i offers participants the chance to make a difference abroad by adding a volunteer aspect to their travel experience. There are several programs designed for those looking to gain teaching experience. Volunteers receive TEFL training and placement overseas in schools.

- <u>Website</u>: <u>http://www.i-to-i.com/volunteer-teaching-english.html</u>
- <u>Funding</u>: Participants are responsible for the cost of the program.
- <u>Time Frame/Length</u>: The length of each program varies, but most are between 2-12 weeks.

# **Passports Educational Group Travel**

Passports provides educational travel tours for high school and college students, their teachers and professors, and adults. Travel trips are scheduled year-round to Europe, Scandinavia, Africa, the Caribbean, Asia and Australia. Teachers can lead a minimum of six students and earn free travel with the group.

Website: <u>http://www.passports.com/GroupLeaders/TheBasics.cfm</u>

## INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION RESOURCES AND NETWORKS

## Asia Society

# Partnership for Global Learning

The Partnership for Global Learning is an Asia Society membership network that connects state and district decision makers, school leaders, teachers, university faculty, and other stakeholders. Its focus is to increase the number of American schools offering rigorous international studies curriculum. The Partnership for Global Learning provides publications, conferences, workshops, newsletters, policy briefs, and online resources on effective curricula, strategies, policy innovations, and funding ideas.

Website: <u>http://asiasociety.org/education-learning/partnership-global-learning</u>

## NAFSA: Association of International Educators

NAFSA is a member organization that promotes international education and professional development for those in the field. Members have access to forums, discussions, publications, calendars, and other shared resources through the sites online networks. In addition, the website provides a wealth of documents, links, event postings, and other important information regarding education abroad and leadership development.

Website: <u>http://www.nafsa.org/</u>

# U.S. Department of Education

# Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA)

The Bureau of ECA funds cross-cultural exchanges to build mutual understanding between the U.S. and countries around the world. Academic and professional opportunities exist for U.S. citizens and international counterparts. All of ECA's sponsored programs are listed on their website.

Website: <u>http://exchanges.state.gov/index/search.html</u>

#### **IIE Passport**

Passport is an online search engine/database of study abroad programs, grants, and fellowships. Through this site, users have access to newsletters, calendars, maps, country profiles, and travel tips.

Website: <u>http://www.studyabroadfunding.org/</u>

#### **Global Education Conference**

The Global Education Conference is a collaborative and world-wide community effort to increase opportunities for globally-connecting education activities. The 2010 web conference in November included presentations from 62 countries. Registration was free, and both students and educators were encouraged to participate as attendees and as presenters. All sessions were recorded, and Java files are available to download and view offline.

Website: <u>http://www.globaleducationconference.com/index.html</u>

## Go Abroad

GoAbroad.com is a full-service international education and travel databases that provides up-to-date information on upcoming programs, as well as travel guides, currency converters, and embassy directories.

Website: <u>http://www.teachabroad.com/</u>

### **Global Nomads Group**

The Global Nomads Group (GNG) is an international NGO that creates interactive educational programs for students about global issues through video conferencing and other multi-media. Programs are directly linked to school curricula, education standards and learning objectives, and are accompanied by lesson plans and training to teachers.

Website: <u>http://www.gng.org/home.html</u>

## Distinguished Fulbright Awards in Teaching Program

The Distinguished Fulbright Awards in Teaching Program recognizes and encourages excellence in teaching in the U.S. and abroad. U.S. and international teachers receive grants to study at a university, observe classes and complete a project pertaining to their field of educational inquiry during their time abroad. The program is open to teachers from the United States and selected countries in multiple world regions.

<u>Website: http://exchanges.state.gov/us/program/distinguished-fulbright-awards-teaching-program</u>

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