



# West Bengal Board of Secondary Education

"Nivedita Bhawan", DJ-8, Sec-II, Salt Lake City, Kolkata - 700091

## **NOTIFICATION**

No. D.S(Aca)/302/F/18

Date: 05.02.2025

**From: Deputy Secretary (Academic)  
West Bengal Board of Secondary Education**

**To: The Heads of all Recognised Secondary Schools under W.B.B.S.E in West Bengal**

**Sub: Notifying the Invitation for applications for Participation in Professional Development Programme at U.S. university under 2025-26 Fullbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Program for International Teachers and 2025-26 Fullbright Teaching Excellence and Achievement Program.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

This is with reference to above mentioned subject, the undersigned has been directed to notify the invitation sent by USIEF, Fullbright Commission in India. USIEF has announced the 2025-26 Fullbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Program for International Teachers and 2025-26 Fullbright Teaching Excellence and Achievement Program.

1. The Fullbright DAI is a semester-long non-degree, non-credit Professional Development program at a U.S University. The program will bring approximately 40 international teachers to the U.S. for a semester. Selected international participants will be placed at a U.S. host university School of Education from August 2025 to December 2026. The program will provide with a unique opportunity to develop greater expertise in their subject areas, enhance their teaching skills, increase their knowledge about United States and complete an individual or group project.

The Fullbright DAI program invites applications from full time teachers teaching any subject at any level (primary, middle, secondary, Or senior secondary) who spend at least fifty percent of their time teaching or working directly with students.

2. The Fullbright TEA program is designed for full-time school teachers (6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grades) teaching English, English as Foreign Language (EFL), Social Studies, Mathematics, Science, or Special Education at schools in India. The Fullbright TEA program is a six-week non-degree, non-credit academic program at a U.S. University. The international participants will travel to the United States for one of the two six-week professional development programs, either in January 2026 or September 2026.

**Application deadline for Indian candidates for Sl. No.1 is March 26,2025.**

For programme in Sl. No.1, interested applicants can obtain details about the program and application procedure from USIEF website, [2025-2026 Fullbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Program for International Teachers](#).

**Application deadline for Indian candidates for Sl. No.2 is March 7, 2025.**

For programme in Sl. No.2, interested secondary teacher applicants can obtain details about the program and application procedure from USIEF website, <https://www.usief.org.in/FIC-Teachers-Excellence-and-Achievement-program.aspx>

Encl: Photocopy of the letter (dated January 24,2025)  
of Sumanta Basu, Regional Officer.

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5/2/25

January 24, 2025

To  
The President,  
West Bengal Board of Secondary Education,  
Nivedita Bhavan,  
Karunamoyee, Salt Lake, Kolkata- 700091

Sir,

Greetings from United States India Educational Foundation(USIEF)!

At first, we would like to acknowledge your support to USIEF in reaching out to teachers from government schools regarding the prestigious Fulbright Fellowship opportunities in the United States.

[Notification No. DS(Aca)/18/F/18) dated January 16, 2024]. Your endeavor has encouraged many teachers to apply for the fellowships, and Ms. Joyeeta Banerjee, Assistant Teacher of English at Nikunjapur High School in Bankura, has been awarded the highly competitive Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Program for International Teachers for the year 2024-2025.

United States-India Educational Foundation happy to announce the following Fulbright Fellowships for the schoolteachers.

✓ 2025-2026 Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Program for International Teachers

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The Fulbright DAI program invites applications from full time teachers teaching any subject at any level (primary, middle, secondary, or senior secondary), teacher trainers, primary and secondary level library media specialists, guidance counselors, curriculum specialists, special education coordinators, and administrators who spend at least fifty percent of their time teaching or working directly with students.

Application deadline for Indian candidates is **March 26, 2025**.

Interested applicants can obtain details about the program and application procedure from USIEF website 2025-2026 Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Program for International Teachers.

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✓ 2025-2026 Fulbright Teaching Excellence and Achievement Program

The Fulbright TEA program is designed for full-time schoolteachers (6th to 12th grades) teaching English, English as a Foreign Language (EFL), Social Studies, Mathematics, Science, or Special Education at schools in India.

The Fulbright TEA program is a six-week non-degree, non-credit academic program at a U.S. University. The international participants will travel to the United States for one of the two six-week professional development programs, either in January 2026 or September 2026. The program provides academic seminars on new teaching methodologies and strategies, student-centered learning, content-based instruction, lesson planning, and instructional technology training for teachers. Intensive English language instruction will be offered to teachers who need additional practice. It 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.

Application deadline for Indian candidates is **March 7, 2025.**

Interested applicants can obtain details about the program and application procedure from USIEF website <https://www.usief.org.in/FIC-Teaching-Excellence-and-Achievement-Program.aspx>

We would request you to bring it to the notice of interested teachers/applicants.

Thank you.



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