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JFDP

Junior Faculty Development Program

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American Councils for International Education advances scholarly research and cross-border learning through the design and implementation of educational programs that are well grounded in key world languages, cultures and regions. We contribute to the creation of new knowledge, broader professional perspectives, and personal and intellectual growth through international training, academic exchange, and collaboration in educational development. With a presence in the U.S., Russia and Eurasia for nearly four decades, in addition to representation in over thirty countries across Asia, the Middle East and Southeastern Europe, American Councils strives to expand among students, scholars, educators and professionals for the advancement of learning and mutual respect in the diverse communities and societies in which we work.

- JFDP Fellows will:**
- Identify, select, and develop new academic materials and resources, including new courses.
 - Work closely with an academic faculty mentor at a U.S. host university.
 - Observe courses in their field of study.
 - Explore and research issues pertinent to U.S. higher education.
 - Share ideas and perspectives with U.S. scholars and professionals at the host university and at professional and academic conferences.
 - Develop a network of professional contacts in their field of study.
 - Facilitate ongoing contact and collaboration.

- Online Points of Interest**
- JFDP Menu**
Visit www.jfdp.org for the latest information about the program. You'll be able to learn more about activities of past program participants. You'll also find the location for the nearest American Councils office or representative.
 - Host Universities**
JFDP works with prestigious universities across the United States to provide Fellows with quality academic programs in their fields of study. Visit www.jfdp.org/hosts for a list of participating universities.
 - JFDP Forum**
Visit www.jfdp.org/forum to make new contacts and network with colleagues. Participate in discussions about the most pressing issues in higher education.

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The JFDP is a professional development fellowship for university faculty members in the early stages of their careers. The fellowship provides visiting faculty from selected countries with opportunities to expand their knowledge and expertise in academic fields of study. The program also provides faculty with the opportunity to gain new perspectives through first-hand experiences of higher education in the U.S. Program participants observe classes, attend conferences, develop new educational materials, and work closely with a U.S. scholar. JFDP Fellows serve as cultural and academic resources at U.S. host universities through presentations and lectures. JFDP Alumni become intermediaries for ongoing relationships between their universities in the U.S. and their home countries.



Who is eligible to participate?

In order to participate in the JFDP competition, applicants must:

- Be a citizen of one of the participating countries. For a list of countries, check www.jfdp.org or contact American Councils.
- Currently teach full-time at a higher learning institution in the country of citizenship.
- Have at least two years of full-time university teaching experience.
- Be highly proficient in written and oral English.
- Be able to comply with program start and end dates and commit to returning to one's home country after completing the program. For program dates, check the websites below or contact an American Councils office or representative.
- Be able to receive and maintain a U.S. J-1 Exchange Visitor Visa.

What is the application and selection process?

Applicants interested in taking part in this open, merit-based competition should get an application at www.jfdp.org or from a local American Councils representative. Applicants should submit a completed application by the designated deadline to the local American Councils representative in the country of citizenship. Individuals with competitive applications will be invited to take an exam of English proficiency and participate in an English language interview. Final selection will occur in Washington, DC.

What support do Fellows receive?

- Monthly stipend to cover living expenses
- Round-trip international and domestic transportation
- Accident and illness insurance
- Professional development funds
(for conferences & academic materials)

What happens after the program?

Upon successful completion of the fellowship, Fellows become part of the larger community of alumni of U.S. government exchange programs, State Alumni. Alumni may receive grants and be sponsored to attend local and international conferences. In addition, JFDP Fellows continually demonstrate significant accomplishments both during and following the program. Fellows contribute to the advancement of educational institutions in their home country. They draw on their experiences to help their communities. They report advances in their careers. Their achievements have contributed to the development of a network among academics, professionals, and institutions in Eastern Europe, Eurasia and the United States.

"JFDP is a really wonderful program. It helped me to grow professionally and personally. I learned a lot of new things and I am taking back a lot of new resources, materials, and books. I had a great experience and everything here is related to my professional development."

JFDP Fellow

"The visiting educators have not only benefited by the personal mentorship from American educators, but the faculty have also profited through their connections with the Fellows. In fact, it has been a mutually rewarding opportunity for not only faculty, but for administrators, staff, and students."

U.S. Host Coordinator

How do U.S. universities benefit?

- Create new opportunities for students and faculty to learn about the cultures, languages, and perspectives of scholars from unique regions of the world
- Engage U.S. faculty in service-oriented advising activities
- Increase your institution's international recognition in Eurasia and Eastern Europe
- Realize opportunities for international partnerships