

Michigan State University Asian Studies Center
Fulbright-Hays Group Project Abroad: “Nepal in the Contemporary World”
12 June – 13 July 2009

Teacher Application
deadline: 24 April 2009

The MSU Asian Studies Center seeks fifteen Michigan elementary and secondary teachers for a four-week study abroad experience in Nepal in June and July, 2009 focusing on world history, world geography, citizenship and democracy, social studies, and humanities. Graduate students of education and faculty from Michigan colleges and universities are also eligible to apply. Participants will go through pre-departure orientation that will include study of Nepal and training in basic Nepali language. The first week of the program will be spent exploring the history, culture, and politics of Nepal. During the next two weeks, participants will live with a host family in the city of Pokhara and team-teach with a fellow Nepalese educator in a local school. The final week will be spent again in Kathmandu, where participants will complete their curriculum modules and take capstone seminars for the project.

Applicants are required to:

- Complete the attached application form on a computer, print, and submit by e-mail, mail, or fax;
- Complete an essay in which they describe their rationales for participating in the Fulbright-Hays GPA, including details of how they expect to integrate what they have learned into their educational practices as teachers and administrators;
- Submit a letter of support from their principal or administrator testifying to their qualities as an educator, their potential for implementing their curriculum/administrative project, and to the district's (or school's) commitment to support the continued use of curriculum materials developed in Nepal;
- Commit to fully participating in all aspects of the program as specified on page 3 of the application.

Application deadline is Friday, April 24, 2009. The application packet may be submitted by mail, fax, or e-mail to:

Asian Studies Center
301 International Center
Michigan State University
East Lansing, MI 48824-1035
Phone: 517-353-1680
Fax: 517-432-2659
Email: asiansc@msu.edu

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APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ U.S. Passport Number: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: MI Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

e-mail: _____

Please list known health issues (including allergies) _____

Any previous foreign travel? * _____

**previous overseas experience is not required for this program. Former Nepal GPA participants are ineligible to apply.*

Race/Ethnicity: * _____

This information is optional. Should you choose to leave this option blank, it will **not count against you.*

If you are Native American, please list your nation and reservation, if applicable.

SCHOOL INFORMATION:

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ State: MI zip: _____

School Phone: _____

Grade(s) Taught: _____ Subject(s) Taught: _____

Name of school official submitting recommendation: _____

e-mail of school official submitting recommendation: _____

Are you scheduled to teach in Fall, 2009? If so, what courses?

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All participant teachers must agree to the terms below. Check the box next to each condition of participation and sign below to indicate acceptance.

- I have a valid United States passport good through December, 2009.
- I am/will be actively engaged in teaching in Michigan in 2009/2010.
- I will be an active participant and teacher in my partner school in Nepal during my two-week homestay.
- Based on my participation in the program I will develop 2 lesson modules on topics related to my curriculum for a Study Guide on Nepal to be made available through Michigan State University.
- I am in good health and will be able to tolerate a busy daily schedule occurring during summer months with high heat and humidity.
- I have health insurance and will receive any necessary immunizations before the program.
- I do not have dietary restrictions that will prevent me from eating most Nepalese/Indian food. I recognize that courtesy toward my hosts in Nepal will require me to try food that is offered, including meat.
- I understand that during the program I sometimes will be expected to transport my own luggage between points in urban areas on foot and by public transportation (e.g. from hotel to bus station) and will pack appropriately.
- I am able to travel to the pre-departure seminar and can arrange and afford my own transportation to and from the Detroit Metropolitan Airport for departure and arrival.

I hereby affirm that the information in this application is true to the best of my knowledge, and that I agree to the conditions of participation stated above.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Request for School Official Recommendation

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<http://asianstudies.msu.edu/outreach/2009Nepalgpa>

Please provide a copy of this form to the school official you ask to write a letter of support.

This is a request for a confidential letter of support for a colleague applying for the MSU-Nepal Fulbright-Hays Group Project Abroad program organized by the Asian studies Center at Michigan State University. Please provide a letter of recommendation addressing the following:

- 1) The capacity in which you have known this colleague and for how long
- 2) The colleague’s maturity, flexibility, and capacity to adapt to a foreign culture
- 3) The colleague’s ability to develop 2 lesson plans and implement these lesson plans in the year following the Fulbright-Hays Group Project Abroad seminar
- 4) The colleague’s ability to continue integrating international content in the curriculum wherever possible
- 5) An appraisal of the colleague’s teaching ability
- 6) Any other information you consider relevant

For more information about this program, please see the website above. Please return your completed letter of support, on school letterhead if possible, to:

Dr. Murari Suvedi, Program Coordinator
MSU-Nepal Fulbright-Hays Group Project Abroad
By e-mail, mail, or fax c/o the Asian Studies Center, as above.
Thank you for your assistance.