Open Call: Fulbright Specialist Program
Language Education Open Project

The Fulbright Specialist Program (FSP) is seeking a highly qualified professional to serve as a Specialist for a 29-day project, ‘Building Pedagogical Methods and Skills for Teaching Hindi’ to take place in India.

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Host Institution: Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya
Project Title: ‘Building Pedagogical Methods and Skills for Teaching Hindi’ (P005131)
Proposed Timeframe: December 1 to December 29, 2023, with flexibility pending the selected applicant’s availability.
Location of Project: Maharashtra, India

Project Description:
The Ministry of External Affairs asked the University to develop a curriculum for teaching Hindi language and literature to international students. While these courses have been prepared and submitted to the MEA, however, the University would like to further the program’s academic objectives by building its educational resources (tools, techniques, practices, technology, etc.). That said, the institution seeks a Specialist with expertise in the field of language teaching to strengthen the new Hindi program’s pedagogical base.

Project Activities:
1. Evaluate and Modify the course curriculum for international students pursuing Hindi studies
2. Identify and procure relevant learning resources for the new curriculum
3. Streamline the learning process of the new curriculum to include (1) model lectures, (2) language exercises, (3) language games, (4) presentations, and (5) group activities
4. Provide faculty with training on innovative language teaching and laboratory methods and techniques
5. Lead awareness workshops and interactive programs for faculty
6. Train participants in ICT technologies for the new curriculum
7. Develop a new Faculty Manual on language teaching and acquisition

Preferred Qualifications
The Host Institution seeks a Specialist with Lvl 4 (Full Professional Proficiency) Hindi linguistic abilities and ample experience, knowledge, and research into the field of Hindi linguistic teaching/research.

How to Apply
Applicants must meet all program eligibility criteria, including U.S. citizenship. A complete list of U.S. applicant eligibility criteria can be found at https://fulbrightspecialist.worldlearning.org/eligibility-specialists.
Applicants must submit a CV and Statement of Interest (400-word limit) via email to fulbrightspecialist@worldlearning.org no later than Monday, July 10, 2023.

Please note that if you are selected as a potential candidate for this project, you will be required to submit an official application to join the Fulbright Specialist Roster in order to serve as the Specialist for this project. For more information regarding this process and the program, visit https://fulbrightspecialist.worldlearning.org/application-specialists/.