

Fellowship to Enhance Global Understanding

Summer 2012

Call for Applications

Botswana, China, Cyprus, & Vietnam

Application Deadline:

October 28, 2011

The College of Education is offering four doctoral study opportunities this summer through the Fellowship to Enhance Global Understanding. The four 2012 Fellowship destinations are: Botswana, China, Cyprus, and Vietnam. These opportunities are designed to help future researchers develop a global perspective on educational policies and practices and to provide graduate students pursuing doctoral study in the College of Education an opportunity to learn about the educational systems and cultures of other countries.

Pre-departure Requirements

Participants are *required* to attend pre-trip monthly orientation sessions organized by the College of Education and do a modest amount of reading in preparation for these sessions. Each fellow is also responsible for securing his/her passport, visa, and immunizations. The College will provide letters of support as necessary.

Eligibility

Full-time doctoral students in EAD, TE, CEPSE, or KIN in the College of Education, who are in the first three years of their program and can demonstrate satisfactory progress toward their degree, are eligible to apply. Please note that you can only be awarded a Fellowship once during your studies at MSU.

Covered Expenses

The College will offer a fellowship of \$3500 to cover travel expenses, housing, and some cultural experiences. All travel arrangements will be made by the college as group discounts will make the costs more affordable. All participants will be required to stay as a group for the duration of the trip. This is a sponsored study trip and thus, no spouses or other friends or family members may accompany participants even if the cost is covered by the participant or other individual. Please note that not all costs can be anticipated, and we offer the best estimate based on current costs. If, at the conclusion of this trip, you wish to stay longer or travel elsewhere, any additional costs must be absorbed by you and will not be part of the overall College allocation. MSU will not be responsible for these post-study tour arrangements.

Botswana: June 15-July 1, 2012

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The focus of the Botswana Fellowship is on the development of the whole child and its relationship to educational practices in southern Africa. The program is designed to enhance students' knowledge of physical and psychological child development, along with the educational philosophy, curriculum, structure, and policy, in Botswana. The Botswana Fellowship provides opportunities for MSU doctoral students to better understand some of the challenges and opportunities facing Botswana's children, youth and families (such as the geography, AIDS pandemic, patriarchal societal structure, reliance on

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eco-tourism and diamond industry), to learn about its system of social services, to provide insights into Botswana's rich and complex cultural heritage, and to experience the magnificent wilderness and wildlife of southern Africa.

China: May 10-31, 2012

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The China Fellowship for Enhancing Global Understanding Program is designed to provide an intensive blend of academic and cultural experiences for the participants. The trip visits Beijing, Chongqing, and Shanghai. Fellows will be provided with a faculty mentor and student partners through the programs relationship with Southwest University. Fellows will have the opportunity to present on their own work, to participate in academic salons, visit several public schools in urban and rural areas in metropolitan Chongqing. This is the fourth year of the China Fellowship which also pulls students from the University of Washington and the University of Delaware.

Cyprus: May 4-19, 2012

Led by Dr. Lynn Fendler, TE

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The theme of this Fellowship is Peace Education, which includes intellectual foci on conflict resolution, anti-violence curriculum, cross-cultural communication, social justice, reconciliation, globalization, and peacekeeping skills. For this Fellowship, participants will propose a professional development presentation that addresses three areas: research, teaching, and leadership/outreach. Experiences in Cyprus will include school and university visits, archaeological monuments, village/agrarian sites, and interactions with Study Buddies. Fellows will also be able to work with college of education faculty in Cyprus to hear about their educational research and Peace Education policies.

Vietnam: May 11-June 3, 2012

Led by Dr. John Dirkx, EAD (HALE)

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The purpose of this Fellowship is to provide participants with an opportunity to learn more about the educational structures and processes of education in Vietnam, the cultural, economic, and political contexts in which these structures and processes are embedded, the efforts at educational reform that characterize the current educational landscape in the country, and how these efforts relate to internal social and economic development, as well as international influences arising from globalization. The focus will include institutions representing primary, lower secondary and upper secondary education, as well as community colleges, universities, and vocational centers.

For additional information about each Fellowship and to apply, please visit:

<http://globalfellowship.educ.msu.edu/>

****** ALL applications must be submitted electronically through the fellowship website.***

For general questions please contact Dr. Reitumetse Mabokela at mabokela@msu.edu or Bree Becker at becker59@msu.edu. For program specific questions, please contact the trip leader(s).