



## Fulbright-Hays Group Project Abroad

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### **“TEACHING THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE: LESSONS FROM ETHIOPIA” SUMMER 2009**

**Applications due Monday March 2nd**

Pending receipt of grant funding from the U.S. Department of Education, The University of Pennsylvania African Studies Center will administer a Fulbright-Hays Group Project Abroad to Ethiopia-Summer 2009

#### The Program

14 educators will be invited to participate in the Fulbright-Hays Group Project Abroad: Short Term Seminar to Ethiopia for five weeks in summer 2009. Ethiopia is the oldest independent country in Africa and has one of the longest recorded histories in the world. Ethiopia is the 2<sup>nd</sup> most populous African nation and has over 80 different ethnic and language groups. The Seminar’s three overarching themes:

1. **Gaining knowledge of the history of the region.**
2. **Learning about past and contemporary religion in the region.**
3. **Learning about the regional issues of migration, displacement, and the Diaspora**

Pre-departure workshops will draw on faculty experts on African Studies and from the region’s large Ethiopian business and cultural community to provide in-depth orientation to the participants. In-country activities will involve teams of Ethiopian educators who will partner with the U.S. visitors. Participants will engage in trips to historical and cultural sites and to international organizations headquartered in Addis Ababa. A distance learning program will be set up utilizing videoconferencing and an educational video of the group’s travels will be edited and distributed for use in Ethiopian and American classrooms. Project will include post-travel workshops, videoconferences, blogs, and curriculum advancement.

#### Eligibility

Applicants must be:

1. A U.S. citizen, national, or permanent resident of the United States
2. A **teacher** currently teaching social sciences, humanities, foreign languages, or area studies OR an **administrator** currently responsible for planning, conducting, or supervising programs in foreign languages or area studies at all levels OR a **graduate student** currently in an institution of higher education who is a prospective teacher of social sciences, humanities, foreign languages or area studies.

*Area Studies is defined as a program of comprehensive study of the aspects of a society or societies including the study of geography, history, culture, economy, politics, international relations, or languages.*

#### Selection Criteria

The following criteria will be used for the selection of participants:

1. **Commitment** to the integration of international studies into the high school curriculum of social sciences and humanities.
2. **Professional experience** to date and successful record of producing quality curriculum materials.
3. Career/academic commitment to **African Studies** as reflected in the personal statement, interview and recommendation letters.
4. **Potential** to which participation in this project will contribute to applicant's career goals and teaching objectives.
5. Evidence of **cultural competency** and ability to handle a physically and psychologically demanding experience.

### Funding

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Fulbright- Hays GPA **grant covers** the following:

- International travel to and from Ethiopia and Philadelphia
- Accommodation and food for the duration for the program in Ethiopia
- Program-related transportation and admission fees in Ethiopia
- Educational materials distributed during the program for use in the U.S.

The fellowship **does not cover:**

- A **fee of \$450** to cover program administration costs
- Local travel to and from the participant's home and Philadelphia Int. Airport
- Health insurance
- Passport and visa fees
- Inoculations and other health care related to travel
- Travel done on the participant's own time and initiative
- Personal shopping and gifts

### Application Procedure

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Application Packet: [www.africa.upenn.edu/gpa-eth](http://www.africa.upenn.edu/gpa-eth)

Deadline for Application: Monday March 2, 2009

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