



Educational Seminars

Program Description

2011 Uruguay Educator Exchange Program

***Sponsored by: the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA),
U.S. Department of State***

***Administered by: American Councils for International Education and the
Commission for Educational Exchange Between
Uruguay and the United States (Fulbright Commission)***

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

The Uruguay Educator Exchange Program is a short-term, mutual exchange opportunity for U.S. and Uruguay school principals and teachers that is fully funded by the Bureau of Educational Affairs (ECA), U.S. Department of State. The program provides a professional development opportunity for U.S. and Uruguay educators to work together on issues of mutual interest to their communities, schools and students. Uruguayan administrators spend two weeks with their U.S. partner during the U.S. winter and the U.S. administrators travel to Uruguay the following U.S. summer. The programs are individualized through collaboration between partners and may focus on teaching strategies/instruction, the development of joint educational projects, personnel administration, school systems and management, global issues and culture, curriculum development, student affairs, and/or educational policy.

Program implementation is provided by American Councils for International Education, in partnership with the Commission for Educational Exchange Between Uruguay and the United States (Fulbright Commission).

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be a full-time teacher or school administrator (superintendent, principal or vice-principal) with at least three years experience in a U.S. elementary, middle or high school that has strong Spanish language, Spanish immersion or English-Spanish bilingual programs
- Be fluent in Spanish
- Host administrative partner in home community and school (home stay) for two weeks
- Travel to Uruguay, participate in pre-program orientation and complete full program in Uruguay

Applicants should be creative, self-reliant, flexible and able to maintain excellent relationships with faculty, staff, and students in Uruguay. Applicants should have a sincere interest in learning from the experience of others and sharing best practices. Applicants should also be prepared to make presentations about the United States before diverse audiences in Uruguay.

COST AND GRANT PROVISIONS:

This program is fully funded through the Bureau of Educational Affairs (ECA), U.S. Department of State. For U.S. educators, this grant includes international and domestic airfare; meals and/or per diem; program in Uruguay; a hosting stipend for the U.S. partner school; and a shipping stipend for each grantee to purchase and ship educational materials for use while teaching and to subsequently leave with the Uruguayan schools.

Upon completion of the program, participants become eligible to participate in the alumni small grant program for activities that foster communication between American and Uruguayan schools.

TENTATIVE CALENDAR FOR THE EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR:

APPLICATION DEADLINE	OCTOBER 18 , 2010
Selection Process*	November 2010
Final Award Notification	December 2010
Pre-Program Orientation in Washington, DC (Uruguayan Administrators)	February 1 – 4, 2011
Exchange Program in the U.S.	February 4 – February 17
Program Debrief in Washington, DC (Uruguayan Administrators)	February 17-18
Program in Uruguay	July 18 – August 5, 2011**

* Applicants may be contacted for a phone interview before final selection.

** Dates are tentative.

APPLYING FOR THE URUGUAY EDUCATOR EXCHANGE PROGRAM:

To be considered for this Educational Seminar, please submit a complete application package to American Councils by the deadline established above. The application for administrator programs is available on the American Councils for International Education website at www.americancouncils.org/es. **Teachers please complete the Thailand and Uruguay Teacher Exchange Programs Application. Administrators, please complete the Administrator Exchange Application.**

A complete application package includes:

- **A COMPLETE ORIGINAL APPLICATION FORM**
- **THE ESSAY**
- **THE DRAFT AGENDA FOR HOSTING THE INTERNATIONAL EDUCATOR**
- **ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL FORM**
- **A MAXIMUM TWO PAGE RESUME**

PLEASE MAIL THE ORIGINAL AND 2 ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE APPLICATION PACKAGE TO:

American Councils for International Education
Attn: Educational Seminars Program
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Washington, DC 20006

Should you have any questions, please contact:

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EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS ORGANIZATIONS

THE BUREAU OF EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) of the U.S. Department of State fosters mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries to promote friendly, and peaceful relations, as mandated by the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961.

ECA accomplishes its mission through a range of programs based on the benefits of mutual understanding, international educational and cultural exchange, and leadership development. We engage youth, students, educators, artists, athletes, and rising leaders in many fields in the United States and more than 160 countries through academic, cultural, sports, and professional exchanges. Striving to reflect the diversity of the United States and global society, ECA programs, funding, and other activities encourage the involvement of American and international participants from traditionally underrepresented groups, including women, racial and ethnic minorities, and people with disabilities.

ECA exchange program alumni encompass over 1 million people around the world, including more than 40 Nobel Laureates and more than 300 current and former heads of state and government.

AMERICAN COUNCILS FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION: ACTR/ACCELS

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. American Councils contributes to the creation of new knowledge, broader professional perspectives, and personal and intellectual growth through international training, academic exchanges, collaboration in educational development, and public diplomacy. 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 dialog among students, scholars, educators and professionals for the advancement of learning and mutual respect in the diverse communities and societies in which we work.

Founded in 1974 as an association for area and language professionals, American Councils has focused its expertise on academic exchange, professional training, distance learning, curriculum and test development, delivery of technical assistance, research, evaluation, and institution building.

**COMMISSION FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE BETWEEN URUGUAY AND THE UNITED STATES
(FULBRIGHT COMMISSION)**

In 1966 national authorities from the United States of America and Uruguay signed an International Treaty that created the Fulbright Commission in Uruguay. Since then, almost 3000 students, researchers, teachers and scholars from both nations have been awarded a Fulbright Grant that enabled them to pursue graduate studies, teach courses, volunteer as language assistants and conduct research in the two countries. Their contribution to mutual understanding has transcended the individual visit and established strong institutional relations to promote international education. The Fulbright Commission has fostered several memoranda of understanding between schools in the U.S. and Uruguay, and established the first EducationUSA Advising Center, providing updated, accurate information about study opportunities in the U.S.