



Fact Sheet

The Visiting International Faculty Program is the United States' largest international-exchange program for U.S. schools and teachers worldwide. VIF searches the globe for the finest educators to serve as full-time classroom teachers and cultural ambassadors, providing a new generation with an international education to succeed in the global marketplace.

Designated as an official sponsor in the U.S. State Department's Exchange Visitor Program, VIF carefully selects highly qualified teachers from more than 50 nations, matches them with U.S. schools and provides comprehensive support to help ensure a rewarding experience.

VIF provides teachers the professional-development experience of teaching in the United States for up to 3 years before returning home to serve as goodwill ambassadors for the U.S. Since 1989, more than 7,000 VIF teachers have positively influenced the lives of more than a million students, educators and community members.

Some key facts about VIF:

- VIF is the largest international-exchange program for U.S. schools and teachers worldwide. This school year, VIF is sponsoring 1,700 highly qualified teachers in 1,000 schools.
- Teachers serve with VIF for 1 to 3 years and return home to share their experiences with students and colleagues, contributing to education in their nations and to a better understanding of the U.S. abroad.
- VIF's thorough selection process includes a detailed application with essays, verification of credentials and experience, professional references, criminal-background checks and personal interviews. VIF is highly selective, placing only 7% of applicants in U.S. schools.
- VIF teachers must be proficient in English, hold a university degree or teaching diploma equivalent to a U.S. bachelor's degree in educationSM, and have had teacher training and experience at the elementary or secondary level.
- VIF's comprehensive support helps ensure a rewarding experience. VIF teachers and host principals are highly satisfied, independent surveys show: 98% of VIF alumni would recommend VIF to a fellow teacher, and school districts rate their VIF teachers as a 9 on a 10-point scale.
- Schools in several U.S. states participate with VIF, including North Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, South Carolina, Maryland and Florida.
- VIF educators teach more than 20 subjects, including elementary education, a variety of languages, English as a Second Language, math, science, special education and many more.
- VIF teachers represent more than 50 nations, including Argentina, Australia, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Denmark, Ecuador, France, Germany, Ireland, Jamaica, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, the Philippines, South Africa, Spain, the United Kingdom and Venezuela.