

UBEROI FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP

For Teaching Dharmic Traditions

At Center For Indic Studies, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

Overview

Dharmic traditions consist of traditions originating from the Indian Subcontinent over several millennia, which have developed and evolved. Currently practiced by over a billion people throughout the world, Dharmic traditions represent more than religious studies, and they grow from Buddhism, Hinduism, Jainism, and Sikhism. Coverage of Dharmic traditions in American schools are limited primarily because of the lack of appropriate teaching material, and of course, teacher content knowledge and training. The Uberoi Foundation has provided the Center for Indic Studies at UMass Dartmouth with funding to provide 6-12 Uberoi Foundation Fellowships for public school teachers. In the summer of 2010, a pilot program will be held at UMass Dartmouth.

Training Program

Participants will be required to attend all sessions (day and evening cultural events) of the five-day pilot training. Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) in the four Dharmic Traditions: (Buddhism, Hinduism, Jainism, and Sikhism) have created training materials and teacher training modules for the recipients of these fellowships. Those conducting the training modules will include university professors and other scholars and be coordinated in part by the faculty in the Teaching and Learning Department at UMass Dartmouth. As an outcome of the training, participants will also be required to create a comprehensive unit for their classrooms, which articulate Dharmic traditions in connection with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks (or other frameworks if from out of state). These standards/frameworks are mainly found in History I and II of the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. Participants will also be required to make a report on their experiences in teaching the Dharmic traditions by the end of the following schoolyear. The endorsement from the fellowship applicant's principal provides assurance from the department head or principal that the applicant will be allowed to teach this unit on Dharmic traditions in the course of the upcoming schoolyear.

Support

Teachers selected for the Uberoi Foundation Fellowship will be provided a 67.5 professional development points (PDPs with, a \$500 stipend) or graduate course credits, a set of training materials, and an honorary certificate from the Uberoi Foundation Fellowship.

Participants will be required to attend the five-day training (August 16th - August 20th, 2010) on campus at UMass Dartmouth. This will be an immersion program with cultural events in the evenings. Local housing will be made available to teachers traveling long distances for attending the program.

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Selection process

Teachers will be selected based on their interest, experience, and need for the training to enhance their ability to use the training and the material for classroom teaching. To apply for the fellowship, please submit the following materials in two ways: via e-mail (using Microsoft Word attachments) by midnight on May 22, 2010, and hard copies must be postmarked by May 22, 2010. The recipients will be announced by May 31, 2010.

Please provide the following components in order to apply:

1. A signed endorsement from the school principal/department head, and commitment to provide a report within a year.
2. Current resume or curriculum vitae showing the courses the participant is currently teaching and/or planning to teach.
3. A short essay (3-5 paragraphs) outlining how the training will benefit the participant in his/her effectiveness to teach Dharma traditions and one's interest in the Dharmic traditions.

E-mail applications (by midnight on May 22, 2010) should be sent to: uff@umassd.edu

Hard copies (postmarked by May 22, 2010) should be sent to:

Dr. Maureen Hall, Associate Professor of Education, Teaching and Learning Department, Affiliate to the Center for Indic Studies, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, Room 398-C, Liberal Arts Building, 285 Old Westport Road, Dartmouth, MA 02747.

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First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____ Last Name: _____

Name of the School: _____

Subject(s) taught: _____

Level(s) taught: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Signed endorsement from the school principal/department head (A separate letter can be attached):