

Program Description for Prospective Faculty

Program: INDIA

Approximate Program Dates: Three weeks in May (subject to change)

Program Focus:

This program is designed to provide students with a choice of courses while they experience the Indian culture first hand. Course proposals are welcome from all academic fields, as long as they relate closely to India.

Program Description:

India has been referred to as the planet's most multidimensional country. It is the largest democracy in the world, and will become the world's most populous country in the next decade. Located in South Asia, India has many extremes. Its environments range from the tropical beaches along the Indian Ocean to the massive Himalaya Mountains in the north. The recorded history of India dates back 5,000 years and has been home to some of the oldest civilizations on Earth. India has become a leading economic power in the 21st Century. It boasts a high quality educational system and is producing high profile professionals from medicine to business. However, India does have a problematic social structure and traditions which suppress much of its population (e.g. caste system). Therefore, India is an ideal laboratory for study in a wide range of academic areas. A three-week study in the country will certainly be a life changing experience for students.

SERVICE LEARNING: All students will be required to participate in a faculty directed service learning project during the India program. Each student will earn up to 25% of their course grade through a service learning project, most likely with a local non-profit school like Shrestha and/or TAABAR. The project can include an educational activity utilizing the English language, geospatial skills and cultural awareness. Your professor will instruct you as to the project you will undertake.

Responsibilities Prior to Departure:

Attend Faculty and Student Orientations
Recruit
Provide Syllabus

Responsibilities during the Program:

Teach Course
Assist with Excursions
Assist with Program Operations

Benefits:

Two thousand dollar honorarium (paid through your institution), one single seat round trip airline ticket from Nashville, Tennessee, visitor's visa, all ground transportation, housing, food, excursions including entry fees, and limited health insurance during the program abroad.

Expenses not covered by TnCIS:

Transportation to/from the airport, travel expenses to the faculty/student orientations, passport, full coverage health insurance, non-program sponsored excursions and entry fees, personal spending money.