

APPLICATION FORM

Return applications by Wednesday, January 31, 2007
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Institution Highlights: William Paterson University of New Jersey is a mid-sized regional comprehensive public institution enrolling more than 12,000 students, and offering baccalaureate and graduate degrees, and teaching certification programs in 31 undergraduate and 20 graduate degree programs. Its five colleges – Arts and Communication, Business, Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, and Science and Health – house approximately 370 full-time faculty. The Asian Studies Program at WPUNJ received Title VI grant awards from the US Department of Education in 2001 and in 2004. It now has a Major and a Minor in Asian Studies at WPUNJ.

Program: Depending upon grant approval, WPUNJ will coordinate a Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad in 2007 titled “Contesting Identities, Performing Multiculturalism: Meeting Challenges of Teaching India for the 21st Century.” This project will include a short-term 4-week seminar to India focusing on social identities and changes in the context of globalization to develop resources for teaching about India in elementary, secondary and post-secondary classroom. It also includes pre-trip meetings and several post-trip meetings and presentations for 15 participants who are teachers from elementary, middle and secondary schools in New Jersey and New York metropolitan area, and faculty from William Paterson University of New Jersey. The main focus will be the diverse sites and struggles over group identities and multiculturalism, and the multiple facets of change in 21st century India. The project will explore the above issues in three metropolitan centers – Mumbai, Chennai and Delhi – all widely acknowledged nodal points in a globalizing world since the late 1990s, and a small town, Raipur, which will provide glimpses into rural India.

Program Objectives: Major objectives of the project are to enable integration of international studies in New Jersey schools, enhance the Asian Studies Program at WPUNJ, and establish an active network and resource base on South Asia for teachers in New Jersey. Activities will include visits to NGOs, educational institutions, workspaces, focus group discussions with academics, activists and artists, and visits to historical sites. Participants will meet school and university teachers and students, development workers, intellectuals, policy makers, ordinary people in rural and urban India. Major outcomes include lesson plans for teaching India in schools, a website on South Asia, “Contesting Identities, Performing Multiculturalism: An Indian Tapestry” produced collectively by participants, presentations of papers on pedagogical issues at the Teaching Asia conference at WPUNJ in Spring 2008, and linkages with the Indian community in New Jersey.

Program Dates:

Application deadline: Wednesday, January 31, 2007

Notification of selected participants: Thursday, February 15, 2007

In the case of being awarded the grant we will proceed as follows:

- Pre-trip orientation meetings, weekends of March, April and May 2007
- India Seminar, July 1 – July 31, 2007 (depending upon flight booking availability)
 - Post-trip meetings, September, November 2007, January 2008
 - Presentations at Teaching Asia Conference, April 10, 2008

Cost: The grant provides for all expenses in India including a return airfare from the USA, room and board, and internal travel. Participants will be responsible for expenses to attend pre- and post-trip meetings (all held in Wayne, New Jersey), medical insurance for travel, passport and visa, travel related medical care, and personal and incidental expenses.

Eligibility: Elementary, middle and high school social science teachers who teach ancient civilizations, world history/cultures, geography, advanced education students, and art and other classroom teachers are eligible to apply. The participants will be required to attend all the pre- and post- trip meetings and cooperate in the major outcomes listed above and make a commitment to outreach upon return.

****Participation in WPUNJ's 2007 Fulbright-Hays Group Project Abroad grant is subject to eligibility criteria established for all federally subsidized programs.****

Applicants must be:

- 1) Citizens, national, or permanent residents of the United States;
- 2) A humanities or social science teacher in elementary, middle, and high schools in New Jersey or New York metropolitan area schools
- 3) A faculty from William Paterson University of New Jersey

Selection Criteria: Applications will be evaluated based on overall previous performance and a promise and interest in the development of curriculum based on India, as reflected in the statement of purpose and letters of reference. Strong applications will explain the contribution of this study travel project to the applicant's career and teaching objectives. The project administrators are committed to providing equal access and treatment to eligible project participants and to affirmative action policies.

When applications are ranked as equivalent by the advisory committee based on the above criteria, priority will be given first to applicants from under-represented groups and to applicants with no previous experience in travel to South Asia.

Equal Opportunity: William Paterson University of New Jersey is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution. Participation in University programs is decided on the basis of qualifications and credentials without regard to race, color, creed, national origin, sexual orientation, age, or disability. All employees and participants in the program are governed by the University's policies against discrimination.

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name	_____
	First M Last
Home Address including Zip and state	
School name and address	
Home Phone	
School Phone	
E-mail address	
Current Employer (include dates)	
Current Position	

II. COURSE(S) CURRENTLY TEACHING AND WILL TEACH IN 2007-08

III. PREVIOUS GROUP TRAVEL EXPERIENCE

IV. PERSONAL STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This should be no more than two pages (single-spaced, 12 point font). Your statement should include the following:

- Highlight your current knowledge of Asia in general and India in particular. Are there any particular areas that you are more familiar with about India? What are some areas or topics on India that you would like to learn more about?
- How do you think this Fulbright-Hays project will be useful for your personal and professional growth as an educator?
- How do you think such an experience may benefit your students?

V. CURRICULUM VITAE: Please attach a current copy of your resume or curriculum vita

VI. REFERENCES:

Please submit **two** letters of reference. One reference letter must be from the current principal or head administrator in the school where you work. The other letter might come from colleagues at your school or other institutions. Indicate below the names and titles of your referees.

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