



United States Department of State

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Dear Vijaykumar Namdeo Nazare,

On behalf of the United States Department of State, I would like to congratulate you on your selection for the Teaching Excellence and Achievement Program (TEA). The fact that you have been chosen for an award is a testament to your dedicated service to secondary education and is international recognition for your excellence as a teacher. Let me offer you my best wishes for an exciting and successful program in the United States.

During this program, you will participate in a six-week professional development program at a school of education at a U.S. university, combining academic seminars with experience observing and teaching in a U.S. secondary school. Your participation will bring a global perspective to U.S. classrooms and we hope will be the basis for long term collaboration between your home and a U.S. school. You will also participate in a variety of cultural and community activities, and visit Washington, D.C. for your welcome and closing programs.

The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs is the primary funding source and sponsor of this program. IREX (International Research & Exchanges Board) administers the program on behalf of the Department of State. Within the Department of State, Program Officers, Betsy Devlin-Foltz and Maxine Pitter Lunn will be working cooperatively with IREX to ensure that you and your colleagues have a successful program in the United States.

Enclosed you will find the terms and conditions of your grant. Please take the time to carefully review all these materials. IREX will be providing you with U.S. university placement information in the months to come.

Again, congratulations and best of luck as you embark on your program. We look forward to learning of your accomplishments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Gibson".

Jennifer Gibson
Branch Chief, Teacher Exchange Branch



August 23, 2011

Dear Vijaykumar Namdeo Nazare:

We are pleased to inform you that you have been awarded a fellowship for the Teaching Excellence and Achievement Program (TEA), a program of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) of the U.S. Department of State, implemented by IREX. The TEA program provides Fellows the opportunity to participate in customized professional development courses at a U.S. university in the areas of teaching methods and instructional technology, as well as participate in a practical field experience at a U.S. secondary school.

Your program will begin on or about January 31, 2012 through on or about March 23, 2012. The following will be provided under the terms of the fellowship: J-1 visa support; a pre-departure orientation held in your home country; round-trip airfare from your home city to and within the U.S.; a Welcome Program in Washington, D.C.; academic program fees; housing (generally shared with other program fellows); accident and sickness insurance; a daily allowance for meals and incidentals during the university academic program; a professional development allowance; an End of Program Workshop in Washington, D.C.; an excess baggage/shipping allowance; and the opportunity to apply in the future for TEA Alumni Grants.

Please submit the **four** important documents listed below to your contact at the United States Embassy or Fulbright Commission in your home country by **September 23, 2011** to confirm your acceptance of the Fellowship:

1. Terms and Conditions of Participation: Review, complete and return **Fellow Acceptance Form**;
2. **Medical History and Examination**: Complete and Sign Part I (Medical History) before a qualified physician completes and signs Part II (Physical Examination Form);
3. **Technology Skills Survey**: Please honestly evaluate your technology skills to the best of your ability;
4. **A color copy of your international passport**, valid beyond September 2012, including the photo and all relevant information pages (if not already submitted with your application).

Please keep a copy of these documents for your personal records. If you have questions about your fellowship or how to complete the above listed documents you may contact IREX at teaglobal@irex.org.

Once again, congratulations on being selected for the Teaching Excellence and Achievement Program, and we look forward to seeing you in Washington, DC.

Sincerely,

Lisa Weilminster
Program Officer
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