

Turkish Student Teacher Internship Program (TSTIP)
Student Interns and Alumni Grants RFP

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The U. S. Department of State, Iowa State University and Bilkent University are inviting proposals from student interns and alumni to continue and extend the impact of the TSTIP program on their teaching careers. The purpose of these one-year grants is to provide project participants with professional development opportunities that will strengthen their teaching and technology skills. Competitive grants totaling at least \$30,000 will be awarded in the following categories:

1. *International Team-Teaching* – These grants will support collaborations with U. S. mentor teachers. Funding will support the travel of the U. S. mentor teacher to Turkey and/or methods of distance education that will facilitate team teaching between a U. S. mentor teacher and TSTIP alumni. Competition open to TSTIP alumni with at least one year, full-time teaching experience.

Example: One or more past project interns may want to collaborate with their U. S. mentor teacher on an innovative teaching project. During the TSTIP experience, the mentor teacher might have used innovative curriculum materials that you would like to learn more about or that you would like to share with your teaching colleagues. The U. S. mentor teacher would travel to Turkey to engage in professional development opportunities with you (and possibly other TSTIP alumni). Activities might include, but are not limited to: team-teaching experiences in the classroom using these materials, development of additional curriculum materials, and/or professional development opportunities to share materials with other teachers in your school.

2. *TSTIP Alumni Teaching Collaborations*– These grants will support efforts among TSTIP alumni to partner with other project alumni in Turkey to support sharing of teaching experiences and expertise gained in the TSTIP program. Competition open to all TSTIP alumni.

Example: During the Turkish Student Teacher Internship Program one participant worked with a U.S. mentor teacher who used Project CRISS principles and strategies to impact student reading and learning in the classroom. Now, the TSTIP participant is using the CRISS method with her own students in Turkey. She would like to share her expertise and disseminate some of her CRISS materials with other TSTIP alumni. The teacher will plan a one-day seminar and invite other TSTIP alumni to participate in a CRISS workshop. Other follow-up activities after the workshop might include classroom observations of teachers using CRISS and/or team-teaching opportunities for participants.

3. *Instructional Materials* – These grants will support the acquisition of instructional resources that participants may not be able to easily obtain in Turkey; such materials may include laboratory equipment, technology or literature. Materials must be used in classrooms. This grant must also include a mechanism (e.g. professional development workshop, inservice day) for sharing how these instructional materials are used in classrooms with other TSTIP alumni. Competition open to 2009 TSTIP participants and all TSTIP alumni.

Example: A TSTIP participant in biology wants to provide better access to digital equipment for student investigations conducted in her classroom. The teacher needs at least four digital microscopes for her students to capture high quality images and video and then display them on a computer system. In addition, the teacher would like the book *Microscopes and Magnifying Lenses: Mind-boggling Chemistry and Biology Experiments You Can Turn Into Science Fair Projects* by Janice VanCleave to generate ideas for using the microscopes in the classroom with students. As a follow-up to her classroom experiences using these instructional materials, the teacher will invite ten other TSTIP alumni to a full-day professional development workshop. The teacher will provide hands-on experiences for alumni to learn how to use the equipment and will share instructional ideas that were used in her classroom. TSTIP alumni who attend will spend time developing lesson plans for their own classroom.

4. *Instructional Innovations* – These grants will support unique teaching ideas that are consistent with the goals of the grant competition but may not clearly fit within the other three funding areas. Competition open to 2009 TSTIP participants and all TSTIP alumni.

Application Guidelines:

Funding available to TSTIP project participants and alumni only. Applicants for a TSTIP grant must apply by following the proposal format directions outlined on page 3 of this document (ctl.iastate.edu/~TSTIP). Granting period: June 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009. All travel must occur between August and November 2009.

Proposal Deadline:

Proposals must be submitted by March 15, 2009 to: Dr. Denise Schmidt (TSTIP Project Director – dschmidt@iastate.edu) Grant recipients will be notified of award decisions by May 15, 2009.

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Proposal Format

Eligible recipients must submit one original copy of the proposal outlining the use of funds in the following format. Proposals that do not conform to the required format, or do not contain the required information, will be eliminated from consideration.

- Cover Page, (1 page, 12 point font) containing:
 - Project Title
 - Identification of grant category for which applicant is applying
 - Participant(s) contact information (i.e. name, position, school, address, and email address of applicant(s))
- Project Plan, (1-2 pages, double spaced, 12 point font) including:
 - Project Abstract (100-200 words, single spaced)
 - Detailed Project Plan
 - Introduction – (Project Purpose)
 - Project Need
 - Goals & Objectives
 - Roles and Responsibilities of Participant(s)
 - Project Activities – What will you do?
 - Project Timeline
 - Evaluation Plan – How will you evaluate the effectiveness of project?
- Detailed Budget (i.e. Spreadsheet) and Budget Narrative (explanation of the expenses necessary for proposed project) (1-2 pages)

Selection of Projects to be Funded

Funds will be distributed on a competitive basis. Proposals will be evaluated and awarded based on the extent to which the proposal adequately addresses the following:

- Description of need
- Targeted goals & objectives
- Project plan (activities & timeline)
- Evaluation plan
- Budget

Subsequent Documentation Required of Successful Applicants

A final report must be submitted to Dr. Denise Schmidt (dschmidt@iastate.edu) by January 31, 2010. The 1-2 page final report must include: 1) brief summary of project, 2) description of what was accomplished and project successes, 3) future plans or next steps, and 4) itemized list of all expenditures.

Contact Information

For further information contact Dr. Denise Schmidt (dschmidt@iastate.edu).