

## **FULBRIGHT OPPORTUNITIES FOR K-12 TEACHERS**

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Greetings everyone. I was fortunate to be able to visit Japan in 2019 to learn about the Japanese higher education system through a Fulbright-supported tour of universities in Tokyo, Kyoto, Osaka, Tokai, and Hiroshima. One of the joys of a cross-cultural experience is the opportunity to experience firsthand what I was not able to learn through a textbook. Some of my most memorable experiences included a ferry ride to Miyajima Island where the famous torii gate seem to float on the water, tasting okonomiyaki, a popular street food from Osaka, my first Shinkansen bullet train ride from Tokyo to Hiroshima (at 200 miles per hour) and a scenic view of rice fields with Mount Fuji in the background. My Fulbright in Japan has given me the opportunity to share with our students about Japan and its amazing culture and people.

Would you be interested in a short-term cross-cultural exchange? If so, please check out the Fulbright Teachers for Global Classrooms Program at this link: <https://www.fulbrightteacherexchanges.org/programs/tgc/>

This program is open to full-time elementary, middle, and high school educators who are employed at a public, private (secular or faith-based), or charter school in the United States. This year-long professional learning opportunity for K–12 educators feature an intensive online course and a short two to three weeks international exchange. I hope you will consider applying to the Fulbright program and the opportunity to bring firsthand international perspective to your classroom.

Lastly, the U.S. Department of State just introduced the STEM Innovations and Global Competence -- a free, self-paced online course for U.S. educators. For more details, please visit <https://www.fulbrightteacherexchanges.org/news/stem-mooc-announcement/>.

Have a great summer and thank you for all you do to educate our students.