

PROJECT OVERSEAS 2023



INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

Please read the following before applying:

1. Each candidate must:
 - be a Canadian citizen;
 - hold a Canadian passport valid until at least July 2024, at the time of application (proof that a passport application has been made will be accepted);
 - be a member of a provincial or territorial teacher organization that supports PO;
 - hold a valid teaching certificate;
 - have completed at least five years of teaching in Canada by July 2023;
 - be in excellent health and be able to work in developing country conditions;
 - have high standards of professionalism and personal conduct;
 - show evidence of flexibility and mature judgment;
 - be willing to put the team and project needs above personal needs.
2. The commitment to PO is considerable both in and out of the classroom while in the country of assignment. In addition to long teaching days, you will be expected to participate in activities arranged by the overseas partner organization. These could include social events as well as meetings with officials.
3. PO has projects in Africa and the Caribbean and, occasionally, elsewhere. Participants must be prepared to be assigned to any location where the Canadian Teachers' Federation (CTF/FCE) has a PO partnership.
4. The CTF/FCE is sometimes unable to confirm the exact program dates until after the teams are formed. Assignments usually take place in July; however, the commitment to PO begins in the Winter/Spring as teams prepare for their PO assignment.
5. The travel and living expenses of participants are covered by contributions from the CTF/FCE Member Organizations and from the CTF/FCE.
6. Travel to the countries of assignment will be arranged by the CTF/FCE in accordance with the travel guidelines established by the CTF/FCE Trust Fund. The CTF/FCE will make travel arrangements to countries of assignment using the most direct and economical routes.
7. Friends and family are not permitted to accompany the participants during any part of the program, either in Canada or overseas.
8. For budgetary and safety reasons, PO participants most often have to share accommodation.
9. Participants are not permitted to drive a motorized vehicle during their stay abroad. Transportation will be arranged by the partner organization overseas.
10. Participants must accept that a project may be cancelled at the last minute due to unforeseen circumstances. In the event of cancellation, the CTF/FCE cannot guarantee placement on another team and will not take responsibility for changes or cancellations to personal travel plans.

Please be sure to call or log on to your provincial or territorial teacher organization website for additional requirements and deadline information.

11. Upon return to Canada, participants are encouraged to share their experience with their teacher organization, community groups and schools.