FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q **Can I apply if I do not have international travel experience?**

R Yes, teachers can apply without international experience as long as they meet all criteria as outlined in the information for applicants.

Q **Do I need a doctor's note for my application to be completed?**

R Later in the selection process you may be required to submit an attestation from a medical professional stating that you are in a physical, mental, and emotional condition which would allow you to travel to remote areas and work in potentially challenging conditions.

Q **Can I apply again if I have participated in past programs – either Project Overseas or Teaching Together Program?**

R The decision as to who can apply is made by the Member Organizations of the CTF/FCE which sponsor participants. It may vary from one organization to another. However, the CTF/FCE often selects team leaders from the pool of experienced participants.

Q **If I am nominated by my provincial or territorial organization, when will I get a confirmation from the CTF/FCE that I have been selected for an assignment?**

R Applicants that the CTF/FCE have selected for assignment will be informed as soon as possible, usually by late January. You will be contacted by your team leader in early February and will begin working with your team in preparation for the assignment.

Q **What is the cost to me if I am selected as a Teaching Together participant?**

R All program-related costs, including transportation, accommodation, travel visas and meals, both in Canada and overseas, will be covered. This also includes program-related costs not covered by your health plan, such as the yellow fever vaccine for those traveling to Africa.

Q **Do I need specific skills to participate in the program?**

R As a teacher, we are confident that you are well-equipped to co-facilitate the program and will have much to offer from your education and from your experience. However, participants' resilience, flexibility, and the ability to work collaboratively with others are critical to the program's success.

Q **How long is the program? How much time would I need to be available?**

A You must be prepared to be available to work with the CTF/FCE and with your team from the time you are informed of your selection through to the end of the program. The pre-departure orientation takes place in early July in Ottawa. Following the orientation, teams depart immediately from Ottawa to their countries of assignment. Most programs are concluded and volunteers can be back in Canada by the end of July. Your commitment is for the entire duration of the program – start to finish.

Q **Can I request to be assigned to a particular country if I am selected?**

A No, participants do not get to choose their program destination. The CTF/FCE places the participants based on a number of factors. You will be informed of your country of assignment when you are notified that you have been selected.

Q **Do I need to have my vaccinations up to date before I can travel abroad?**

A Those traveling to destinations in Africa will be required to have the yellow fever vaccine prior to departure.

Q **What happens if I am selected but have to drop out at some point in the process?**

A The unexpected happens and plans sometimes need to change. If you are selected for the program, but an exceptional circumstance arises that would cause you to have to drop out, you should contact the CTF/FCE immediately.

Q **Is there training before I go overseas?**

A Yes. From February to June, you will receive information and will work closely with the CTF/FCE, your team leader, and the other members of your team via email and videoconference as you prepare for the assignment. Also, the CTF/FCE provides a mandatory orientation for Teaching Together participants in early July in Ottawa before your departure.

Q **Can family or friends accompany me to my country of assignment if I am selected?**

A No! Family members and friends are not permitted to accompany Teaching Together participants.

Q **Will the departure point always be Ottawa?**

A Yes, the CTF/FCE is located in Ottawa, and staff facilitate an orientation session in Ottawa for all participants prior to departure.