LEADERSHIP AND ENGLISH ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM (LEAP)
ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING ASSISTANT

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

American Councils for International Education is presently looking for Teaching Assistants for the Leadership Advancement Program (LEAP) for fifty Afghan youth, ages 13-18 years old recently arrived in the United States (since August 2021). Funded by the U.S. Department of State, the LEAP program is a unique opportunity for Afghan youth to develop their English language and critical thinking skills, build leadership, and prepare for transition to life in the U.S. The three-week program will be held at the University of Maryland campus in College Park, MD from June 20th-July 10th. LEAP participants and staff will be housed at the university for the extent of the program and be fully chaperoned by American Councils staff.

The core goal of the LEAP program is to strengthen the English language skills of participants while simultaneously developing important life skills such as media literacy, critical thinking, leadership, solidarity, individual responsibility, gender equality, community service, and volunteerism.

The main role of the Teaching Assistant is to work alongside camp teachers to provide English language instruction to LEAP program participants through different content areas including Reading, Academic Writing, Public Speaking, and Media Literacy. The curriculum is designed to build language skills while developing important 21st-century skills in the areas of media literacy and critical thinking. Teaching Assistant responsibilities include:

- Collaborate with LEAP Program Teachers to create classroom activities and lessons using new methodologies;
- Improve professional teaching and facilitation skills through training sessions during camp;
- Conference with teachers during camp who will provide guidance and constructive feedback;
- Create and teach individual lessons with evaluation by cooperating teacher;
- Provide guidance to students both inside and outside the classroom;
- Promote group work and gender equality in a dynamic environment;
- Encourage flexibility and adaptability with a positive attitude;
- Support acceptance of people and traditions different from their own; and
- Provide support for all participants to exercise leadership and decision-making skills.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor's degree in English or TESOL or working toward a degree in these fields;
- Have some prior English teaching experience;
- Have some experience working with people from different cultural backgrounds and/or refugee populations;
- Ability to quickly adapt to new situations and different working conditions;
- Be a team player and work to provide a cohesive camp team for the extent of the program;
- Effective interpersonal and communication skills.

To Apply for the position: Please submit a current resume to
Tom Toomey, the LEAP Camp Director: ttoomey@americancouncils.org by April 28th.
We will notify you for an interview if interested.