Scholarship

Persian- Farsi Graduate Teaching Assistant at the University of Montana
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DCLCP Mission:

The Defense Critical Language and Culture Program (DCLCP) provides intensive language and culture training for members of the United States military and associated intelligence agencies utilizing a congressionally funded contract through the Defense Language and National Security Education Office (DLNSEO). Currently, training includes on-site (University of Montana) and synchronous on-line language courses in Arabic, Chinese, Dari, Farsi, Indonesian, Korean, Pashto and Russian as well as cultural/regional studies courses on the associated geographic countries/regions. DCLCP courses are designed to enable students to learn languages and understand cultures of strategically significant nations in the world of modernity at a time when bilateral and multilateral relations are increasingly complex. DCLCP provides students with language fluency and cultural awareness allowing them to conduct effective interaction in a variety of settings with heritage populations through language classes ranging from basic to advanced. Each class is presented by University of Montana faculty and is an accredited college course. DCLCP is committed to adapting the content, length, location and timing of instruction and courses offered to fit the needs of military units and US government agencies. Department of Defense test results demonstrate DCLCP students’ end of course fluency rates are among the best in the nation.

Job Description

DCLCP is seeking three Persian- Farsi speaking Graduate Teaching Assistants beginning the fall semester 2015 academic year (for a 2-year scholarship). The positions include teaching US military personnel language and culture for approximately 20-hours a week via an online platform Video Tele-Conferencing (VTC). When academic classes are not in session, selected candidates will work closely with a lead language professor to develop curriculum and teach intensive language courses on a daily basis.

Successful candidates for the positions will have an educational background and experience in teaching language.
Requirements:

1. The candidates must be heritage Persian- Farsi speakers with recent regional experience.
2. Overseas candidates must have a passport and in good health.
3. The candidates must have at least a bachelor degree (any discipline) and provide transcripts with their application.
4. The candidates must have experience in language teaching.
5. The candidates must possess language fluency in English as demonstrated by a TOEFL score consistent with their degree requirements.
6. The candidates must be able to assess student performance in order to enable improvement in language proficiency.
7. The candidates must have excellent teamwork skills.

The program will offer the following incentive for the course of a 2-year period:

1. Fully funded college tuition and allowable fees to the University of Montana for a two-year masters or doctoral degree.
2. Airfare and a relocation allowance to Missoula, Montana, will be provided.

Candidates Responsibility

1. Selected candidates are responsible for meeting the admission requirements and being accepted into an advanced degree program at the University of Montana.
2. Selected candidates will be responsible for the student visa application process, to include paying the visa fee, and arriving 30-days before their class start date.
3. Selected candidates will need to apply for housing and pay a $300 damage fee and $25 non-refundable student housing processing fee. For international students, suggest you refer to the following link for information on University of Montana student housing: [http://life.umt.edu/rlo/lcv/apply/default.php](http://life.umt.edu/rlo/lcv/apply/default.php)

How to apply:

Please send a resume that includes names and contact information for three (3) references and a letter of intent to Adjunct Professor Shaima Khinjani at Shaima.khinjani@mso.umt.edu. Please include your preferred area of study for your advanced degree program.

For additional information, please visit our program website at [www.umt.edu/mansfield/delcp](http://www.umt.edu/mansfield/delcp)