

Sponsor/Title: Department of State (DOS) - FY 2026 English Access Scholarship Program

External Link: <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/361396>

Funding Opportunity Number: DFOP0017848

Submission Limitation per Institution: One (1)

Notre Dame Limited Submissions Listing:

<https://research.nd.edu/our-services/funding-opportunities/faculty/limited-submissions-program/>

Internal Expression of Interest Deadline: 2026-03-16

Sponsor Application Deadline: 2026-05-01

Purpose: Since 2004, the Access Program has trained approximately 200,000 youth and 20,000 teachers in over 80 countries. Through scholarships, educational seminars, and alumni engagement, Access strengthens participants' educational and economic prospects, enhances teachers' pedagogical skills, and cultivates a global network of alumni supportive of the United States.

The FY 2026 Access Program will support approximately 7,000 participants globally. Programming may be in-person, virtual, or hybrid and occur in-country, in the region, or in the United States. ECA anticipates that the majority of the award costs will be for program activities detailed across the three program components below. Channeling U.S. expertise in English language education and education technology towards an expanded range of target audiences and critical industry fields. Access is comprised of:

- Access Scholarships
- Access Educational Seminars and Content Development
- Access Alumni

Program Specific Guidelines: Participants will be identified and/or selected by the U.S. embassies and consulates in participating countries. Final participant numbers will be determined by ECA/A/L. ECA/A/L will inform the recipient of the participating countries globally and the funding levels for each country.

U.S. embassies and consulates will also recommend the schools or other in-country educational service providers to conduct the classes and educational seminars with the final approval of ECA/A/L. Programming may be in-person, virtual or hybrid and occur in-country, in the region, or in the United States. (Note: Throughout this solicitation, these schools, NGOs, and other partners will be referred to as "in-country educational services providers.")

Internal Application Requirements: Upload the following information to the Google Form at <https://forms.gle/QpsWkbTV4SY7Lc1n6> by the internal deadline:

- Name of the Principal Investigator (PI)
- Project Title
- Select the Objective(s) that apply to your proposal.
- All ND Collaborators:
 - For each ND Collaborator listed, include name, department or unit, and specific role for this project in three sentences (maximum).

- Project Summary: Three (3) pages (maximum) addressing the following Review Criteria as outlined on pages 30-31, in the NOFO.
 - Quality of the program idea, program planning, and ability to achieve program aims and purpose
 - Institutional Capacity and institution's record/ability
 - Performance Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E)

Questions: Contact Notre Dame Research Limited Submissions at limited@nd.edu.

Unless otherwise noted, all internal applications are due by 11:59 PM Eastern Time on the internal expression of interest deadline.

Applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.