

LEAD Asia (Language, Education and Development)

LEAD ASIA FELLOWS PROGRAM 2012 - DESCRIPTION

Overview

LEAD Asia (Language, Education and Development – www.leadimpact.org) is an initiative of SIL International. LEAD Asia assists minority language communities to achieve their development goals while retaining their ethnolinguistic identities. Focused on social justice and development issues in Asia, the LEAD Asia Fellows program is a rigorous field service and leadership development opportunity starting in the fall of 2012 for a duration of one to two years.

YEAR 1:

- Orientation to LEAD Asia.
- Three different field-based service rotations, each focused on different aspects of LEAD Asia's work in the Philippines.
- Debriefing retreat after each field-based service rotation.
- Reading and reflection programme relating to language, education, development, social justice, etc.
- An out-of-country field trip to observe LEAD Asia's work elsewhere.

YEAR 2 (optional):

- A year-long work placement in a specialist-level role within LEAD in the Philippines.
- Post-program debriefing.

LEAD Asia will select six fellows whose work will begin in September 2012 in Manila, Philippines. Participants will be mentored by LEAD Asia staff with experience in language, education and development among ethnolinguistic communities. Application forms are available from LEAD_Fellows_2012@sil.org.

Participants & Purpose

The LEAD Asia Fellows Program is designed to prepare leaders to support the movement for language, education and development. Specifically, LEAD Asia conducts this program with a view to train future leaders for field service in LEAD Asia country units and focal teams. Participants should complete the program with significant practical experience in managing the day-to-day operations of an international development NGO.

Qualifications & Selection

Preference will be shown for participants who have an advanced degree in international relations, international development or a related subject, who have a declared intention to serve long term overseas, and are willing and able to raise their portion of program costs. Candidates who meet some but not all of these qualifications may still be considered. Potential participants will be asked to provide references to accompany their application.

Funding Provided/ Required

LEAD Asia will provide accommodation for all fellows in shared furnished apartments in Manila, Philippines and will also cover expenses directly related to work performed on the program. Participants will be responsible for raising funds for payment for their travel to the Philippines, visa costs, medical and travel insurance and expenses, food, local transportation and personal expenses. LEAD Asia will provide an estimated budget as part of the application process and encourages participants to consider a variety of sources to fund these costs including friends, churches, trusts, government grants and private foundations.

Application Process & Timeline

Tuesday, February 21 2012	Applications due.
Spring 2012	Interview and acceptance.
Last week of May 2012	Orientation week (location TBD).
Summer 2012	Fellows raise 100% of their support.
Late Summer 2012	Fellows buy ticket to Manila and apply for multiple-entry visa.
Fall 2012	Fellows depart for Manila.