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Quick Facts

- Called the U.S. State Department's Teaching Excellence and Achievement Program (TEA), the initiative will bring in 19 fellows from Asia, South America and Central America.
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A.J. Angulo

ROCK HILL, S.C. - Winthrop University will host high school teachers from developing countries this semester for the third consecutive year through a state department program.

Called the [U.S. State Department's Teaching Excellence and Achievement Program \(TEA\)](#), the initiative will bring in 19 fellows from Asia, South America and Central America.

Education faculty member A.J. Angulo authored the \$182,942 grant proposal to renew the federally-funded cultural and educational exchange program for the third year. The funds will support a series of professional development workshops, field experiences in Rock Hill high schools, and cultural exchange activities on and off campus.

"I'm absolutely delighted that we have the privilege of bringing another cohort of teacher-leaders from around the world to Winthrop University," Angulo said. "My hope is that students and faculty take advantage of the opportunity to experience the great warmth and dynamic leadership qualities that these TEA Fellows bring to our campus."

Sixteen countries are represented: Argentina, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Cameroon, El Salvador, Honduras, India, Nepal, Nicaragua, Pakistan (2 representatives), South Africa (3), Turkey, Ukraine, Venezuela, Vietnam and Zambia.

The teachers arrived Jan. 31 and will depart March 18. During their six-week stay, the teachers will take customized workshops from faculty in the [Richard W. Riley College of Education](#) and the [College of Arts and Sciences](#) to learn about math, science and English as a second language. Seminars also have been added to their schedule to enhance their understanding of the area and region.

While on campus, the international visitors will share information about their culture during two events open to the public:

. **Poster Session**, Feb. 18, 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Tuttle Dining Hall

. **Comparative Education Panel Session**, March 4, 7-9 p.m., Plowden Auditorium, Withers/W.T.S. Building.

Each international teacher will also be paired with a Rock Hill high school teacher for all-day, field-based experiences in order to exchange best teaching practices. When not in classes at Winthrop or local high schools, the international teachers will participate in cultural exchange activities. They will learn about American life and culture through day and weekend excursions, including trips to such sites as the [Levine Museum of the New South](#) and [Charlotte's Discovery Place](#) and weekend excursions to Charleston, S.C. and Asheville, N.C.

The **U.S. State Department's Teaching Excellence and Achievement Program** is administered by IREX and will complement Winthrop's **Global Learning Initiative** and recent federally-funded **NetSCOPE, NetLEAD** and **WISE/STEM** programs.

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