



PROJECT OVERSEAS 2020

Teachers' Action for Teaching



PROJECT OVERSEAS (PO) is a joint endeavour of the Canadian Teachers' Federation (CTF/FCE) and its member organizations to support partners in developing countries as they co-plan and co-deliver professional learning to local teachers.

Since 1962, PO has assisted teacher organizations in over 50 countries in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, and the Caribbean. Every July, PO places over 50 volunteers in between 10 to 15 countries. Financial support is provided by the CTF/FCE and its member organizations.



MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAM

PO is a key part of the CTF/FCE's International and Social Justice Program. It focuses on teachers taking action for:

- **Teaching** — Canadian teachers work with local teachers overseas to strengthen teacher competence.
- **Teacher Organizations** — The program assists overseas partner organizations as they strengthen their capacities to provide professional services to their members.
- **Gender Equality** — All PO programs address gender equality for teachers, assist in the development of girl-friendly school environments and work to eliminate school-related gender-based violence.

PO is often an integral part of long term projects that strengthen and promote equitable, high quality, publicly-funded education for all.

PROJECT OVERSEAS 2019 COUNTRIES

Burkina Faso, Dominica, Ghana, Grenada, Guyana, Montserrat, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sierra Leone, Togo, Uganda.

TERMS OF THE ASSIGNMENT

Participants:

- must be prepared to be assigned to any location where there is a CTF/FCE project;
- must be available for assignments during the month of July;
- can expect a challenging assignment in collaboration with other teachers in Canada and overseas;
- cannot be accompanied by family members and friends;
- will be part of a team, which is usually led by an experienced PO participant;
- usually share living accommodations with other PO participants;
- do not receive a salary, but travel and basic living expenses are covered by the CTF/FCE.



SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS

Applications are received and reviewed by the CTF/FCE member organizations in early fall. Selected applications are forwarded to the CTF/FCE.

Participants are chosen on the basis of advice from member organizations and the expressed needs of the overseas partner organizations. Successful applicants are notified of their assignments in January.

CRITERIA FOR APPLICATION

Applications are welcome from any Canadian teacher who is a member of a provincial or territorial teacher organization which sponsors PO, and meets the following requirements:

All candidates **must**:

- be a Canadian citizen;
- hold a Canadian passport valid until at least **July 2021**, at the time of application (proof that a passport application has been made will be accepted);
- be a member of a provincial or territorial teacher organization that supports PO;
- hold a valid teaching certificate;
- have completed at least five years of teaching in Canada by July 2020;
- be in excellent health and be able to work in developing country conditions;
- have high standards of professionalism and personal conduct;
- show evidence of flexibility and mature judgment;
- be willing to put the team and project needs above personal needs.



ABOUT THE CANADIAN TEACHERS' FEDERATION

Founded in 1920, the Canadian Teachers' Federation (CTF/FCE) is a non-profit organization and a national alliance of sixteen member organizations, one affiliate member and one associate member, with a total membership of over 273,000 teachers and educational workers across Canada. The CTF/FCE is a member of Education International.

Sponsoring Member Organizations

[Alberta Teachers' Association \(The\)](#)

Association des enseignantes et des enseignants franco-ontariens

[British Columbia Teachers' Federation](#)

Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario

[Manitoba Teachers' Society \(The\)](#)

New Brunswick Teachers' Association

[Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association](#)

Northwest Territories Teachers' Association

[Nova Scotia Teachers Union](#)

Nunavut Teachers' Association

[Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association](#)

Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation

[Prince Edward Island Teachers' Federation](#)

Quebec Provincial Association of Teachers

[Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation](#)

Syndicat des enseignantes et enseignants du programme francophone de la Colombie-Britannique

[Yukon Teachers' Association](#)

HOW TO APPLY

Teachers wishing to apply for the CTF/FCE PO program can obtain application forms and additional information from their provincial/territorial teacher organization.