



PROJECT OVERSEAS 2019

Teachers' Action for Teaching

PROJECT OVERSEAS (PO) is a joint endeavor of the Canadian Teachers' Federation (CTF) and its Member organizations to support overseas partners in developing countries as they deliver professional services to teachers.

Since 1962, PO has assisted teacher organizations in over fifty countries in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, and the Caribbean. PO currently places over 50 volunteers in approximately ten countries every July. Financial support is provided by the CTF and its provincial and territorial teacher organizations.



PROJECT OVERSEAS 2018 COUNTRIES

Burkina Faso, Ghana, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Sierra Leone, Togo, and Uganda.

TERMS OF THE ASSIGNMENT

- Volunteers must be prepared to be assigned to any location where there is a CTF project.
- Volunteers must be available for assignments during the month of July.
- Volunteers can expect to work hard both in and out of the classroom and collaborate with a local teacher.
- Family members and friends cannot accompany the participant.
- Volunteers will be part of a team, which is usually led by an experienced Project Overseas participant.
- Volunteers usually share living accommodations with other PO participants.
- Volunteers do not receive a salary, but travel and basic living expenses are covered by the CTF.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAM

PO is a key part of the CTF's International and Social Justice Program. Through the "Teachers' Action for Learning", it focuses on *Teachers' 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 capacity 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 based gender violence.

PO is often an integral part of long term projects that strengthen quality, publicly funded education.



SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS

Applications are received and reviewed by the CTF Member organizations in early fall. Recommended applications are forwarded to the CTF.

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 Canadian citizens;
- hold a Canadian passport valid until at least **July 2020**, at the time of application (Proof that a passport application has been made will be accepted.);
- be members of a provincial or territorial teacher organization that supports PO;
- hold a valid teachers' certificate;
- have completed at least five years of teaching in Canada by July 2019;
- be in excellent health and 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) 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 265,000 elementary and secondary teachers across Canada. The CTF is a member of Education International (EI).

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 Project Overseas program can obtain application forms, additional requirements, and specific deadline information from their provincial/territorial teacher organization.