



THE CENTER *for*
INTERNATIONAL
UNDERSTANDING

**2015 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
GLOBAL TEACHERS TO SINGAPORE & MALAYSIA
JAMES G. K. MCCLURE FUND TEACHER AWARD
HAYWOOD COUNTY SCHOOLS**

The University of North Carolina's Center for International Understanding is delighted to invite applications for the James G.K. McClure Award for teachers in the Haywood County school system to cover the full cost of participation in the Center's July 2015 *Global Teachers: Singapore & Malaysia* professional development program.

Global Teachers to Singapore & Malaysia:

Singapore, once a small fishing village, is today a bustling multicultural and cosmopolitan city that offers a world-class living environment, populated by high-rise buildings. Singapore consistently ranks among the highest countries for its education and student scores on a variety of measures, especially in the area of mathematics. Singapore commands a strong presence in the world today with its free trade economy and highly efficient workforce. While in Singapore, we will focus on how Singapore's K-12 educators are innovatively teaching Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM).

Malaysia is a bustling melting-pot of races and religions where Malays, Indians, Chinese and many other ethnic groups live together across a diverse geographical and socioeconomic area. One of Malaysia's key features is its extreme contrasts and we will further explore the theme of urban education and development in comparison to our time in Singapore.

Program Goals

1. Learn more about Singapore & Malaysia's history, culture and education system.
2. Gain a better understanding of educational innovation in Singapore with a strong focus on STEM education, technology in the classroom, curriculum and teacher professional development.
3. Explore global educational challenges with implications for both North Carolina and Singapore, including education in an urban environment.
4. Develop potential partnerships with other schools/programs with a goal of collaboration and incorporation of global perspectives using technology into the classrooms.

Eligibility

Global Teachers to Singapore & Malaysia is designed for North Carolina K-12 teachers from all grade levels and subject areas. Each year the James G. K. McClure Fund offers an award designated for teachers from Haywood County Schools.

The McClure Award will cover the full cost of the program fee of approximately \$6,000. The program fee covers: international economy round-trip airfare from Raleigh or Charlotte, airport taxes, health insurance during the international portion of the program, double-room hotel accommodations, most meals, ground transportation abroad, and program costs in Singapore & Malaysia. The program fee also includes the following orientation and follow-up costs: speakers, facilities, some meals, materials, and an information handbook.

McClure Award Recipients are required to

- Attend and participate in all portions of the program
- Act as good ambassadors of North Carolina while in Singapore & Malaysia
- Remain in the NC public school system for at least two years following the program
- Collaborate with fellow participants
- Design and implement at least one lesson plan, curriculum unit or other appropriate project to share learnings with students
- Design, develop and deliver at least two presentations about your experience: one for faculty colleagues at the school or district level and one for a professional conference
- Complete evaluations throughout each phase of the program and one year after completion of program

How will Recipients be selected?

- Interested educators from Haywood County Schools will complete an application in which they will be asked to describe how participation in the program will impact their teaching practices, their use of technology, their classroom instruction, and their school community. **Applications are due by 5:00PM on March 6, 2015.**
- The selection committee will base their decisions on the strength of application responses and references. Preference will be given to educators with little experience abroad. The award recipient will be notified in mid-March.

How Do I Apply?

- Submit a complete application package to Dr. Bill Nolte by 5:00PM on March 6, 2015. The application package consists of:
 - Attached application form
 - Attached participant agreement form
 - A signed copy of the principal's acknowledgement of support
 - A statement indicating ways you would utilize your experience abroad to enrich your practice as an educator
 - A letter of recommendation from either your principal, a fellow teacher, parent or community member

Schedule/Tentative Dates:

- ***March 6, 2015 at 5:00PM Application Deadline***
Educators will be required to submit their application by **5:00PM on March 6, 2015** to **Dr. Bill Nolte at Haywood County Schools, 1230 North Main Street, Waynesville, NC 28786.**

- ***March 2015 – Selection Notification***

- ***April 27, 2015, 2015 Orientation***
Participants will meet for an orientation in Charlotte area on **April 27, 2015** where they will gain background information on Singapore education, economy, and culture, will learn logistical information, will get acquainted with each other, and will explore ways to utilize technology in the classroom throughout the duration of the program.

- ***Three webinars between the orientation and the program in Singapore (may attend live or recorded)***

- ***July 10-21, 2015 Program in Singapore & Malaysia***

- ***October 10, 2015 Follow-Up Workshop***
Program participants will be provided the opportunity to reflect on their experience, synthesize lessons learned, and to develop curriculum units, lesson plans, and other teaching strategies that incorporate their findings.

- ***May 2016 Complete Final Evaluation Survey of the Program***
In addition to evaluation surveys that will be handed out after each phase of the program, program participants will be asked to conduct an evaluation a year after completion of the program. The Center uses these surveys as a basis for determining the success and impact of the program.

Background and Purpose

The Center for International Understanding offers a yearly professional development program that provides NC educators with the opportunity to study another country-in-depth and broaden their worldviews. The Center believes that increasing teacher knowledge about the world helps increase teacher confidence and competence in providing students with the skills to navigate successfully through a globalized and interconnected world. Since 1995, the Center has sent more than 370 teachers and administrators abroad to over 12 different countries through its professional development programs.

What Have Been Outcomes for this Program for Past Participants?

NC Educators that have participated in our past Professional Development Programs have collectively created over 300 lesson plans that help bring a global perspective into the classroom. In addition, teachers have gained the increased ability to view issues and problems from multiple perspectives, have increased their commitment to teaching, have gained exposure to best practices and new teaching methodologies, and have increased their comfort level in using cutting edge technology applications in the classroom.

About the Center for International Understanding:

Founded in 1979, the Center for International Understanding has sent more than 8,000 North Carolinians to 47 different countries to learn from and about the world. The Center is committed to helping North Carolinians live and work effectively with people of all cultures. Its unique blend of global education includes short-term immersion programs abroad, coupled with study and training in North Carolina. The Center works primarily with policy leaders and educators, providing them with the experiences and tools necessary to guide their communities and the State through changes associated with an increasingly interdependent world. The Center for International Understanding is a public service program of The University of North Carolina.

Executive Director: Rick Van Sant

For more information or an application: Please contact Meredith Henderson, Senior Director of Programs, mlh@northcarolina.edu, 919-237-7953

CHECKLIST
McCLURE AWARD APPLICATION
GLOBAL TEACHERS: SINGAPORE & MALAYSIA
2015 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Application materials due by 5:00PM on March 6, 2015: Please note that incomplete applications will not be considered.

- Completed Application form
- Signed Participant Agreement form
- Signed Principal Agreement form
- A statement indicating ways that you would utilize your experiences abroad to enrich your practice as an educator (no more than one page)
- A letter of recommendation from one of the following: your principal, a fellow teacher, a classroom parent, or a community member

Please note that incomplete applications will not be considered.

Be certain that you can commit to the following dates and phases of the program:

- Program Orientation: April 27, 2015**
- Three webinars between the orientation and program in Singapore**
- Program in Singapore and Malaysia – July 10-21, 2015**
- Follow-Up Workshop: October 10, 2015**

Application materials should be sent to:

**Dr. Bill Nolte
Haywood County Schools
1230 North Main Street
Waynesville, NC 28786**

Why do you want to participate in *Global Teachers: Singapore & Malaysia*? What do you expect to gain from participation?

How do you plan to use your experience in Singapore and Malaysia in your teaching and in your school? Specifically, how do you plan to utilize technology into the classroom?

Do you have any dietary restrictions of which program planners should be aware? Yes ____ No ____

If yes, please list them. _____

Do you smoke? Yes _____ No _____

If no, would you be willing to stay with a roommate who smokes? Yes ____ No ____

Please note that we cannot guarantee placement with a non-smoker.

Preferred departure city: Raleigh ____ Charlotte _____

Program sponsors will request seating as indicated; however, it is not possible to guarantee seating preferences.

I prefer: Aisle _____ Window _____

Please check any special meal for the flight:

Diabetic _____ Vegetarian _____ Kosher _____ None _____

This program will be demanding and may exacerbate existing physical, emotional, or psychiatric conditions. It is essential that participants are physically and emotionally fit and capable of handling a variety of situations. Are you capable of undertaking this kind of activity? Yes _____ No _____

Do you have any serious allergies? Yes ____ No ____ If yes, please list them:

For your own comfort and well-being, please describe any health problems or conditions you may have which may limit or affect your participation.

The flight to Singapore will be long and tiring. Do you have circulatory problems or other health problems that might be compounded by sitting for long periods?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please describe

Are you physically capable of standing for several hours in museums, etc., extensive walking, and climbing stairs? Yes _____ No _____

Are you physically capable of carrying your own luggage up and down stairs? Yes _____ No _____

Have you ever been convicted of a state or federal misdemeanor or felony excluding minor traffic offenses?

Yes _____ No _____ If yes, please explain:

Please list below a person not participating in this program who should be contacted in the event of an emergency:

Name _____

Relationship _____

Address _____

Work Phone (_____) _____ Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell (_____) _____

Following the program, I authorize the Center to use quotes from my participant evaluations and/or photographs in publications such as newsletters, websites, etc. Yes _____ No _____

I certify that the information provided above is complete and accurate.

Signature _____ Date _____

PLEASE ATTACH THE FOLLOWING:

1. Statement indicating ways you would utilize your experiences abroad to enrich your practice as an educator (No more than one page)
2. A letter of recommendation from one of the following: your principal, a fellow teacher, parent or a community member.
3. A signed copy of the attached Principal's Acknowledgment of Support.

Please be sure to include ALL of the above items in your application package. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Center for International Understanding Participant Agreement

2015 Professional Development Program Global Teachers to Singapore & Malaysia

Applicant name _____

1. Expectations of Participants

As a participant, I agree to

- Remain in the NC public schools system for at least two years following participation in the program
- Attend and participate in all planned phases of the program
 - Orientation seminar: **(April 27, 2015)**
 - Three webinars between the orientation and the program in Singapore
 - Study Program in Singapore & Malaysia: **(July 10-21, 2015)**
 - Follow-up workshop: **(October 10, 2015)**
- Participate in all mandatory group activities during the program
- Respect the needs of the group
- Respect cultural, political, religious, and racial differences of the host culture and other participants
- Pay for incidental expenses or meals not covered by the program fee
- Develop and implement a lesson plan, curriculum unit, or other appropriate project to share learnings with students
- Develop, deliver and document at least two presentations, one for faculty colleagues at the school or district level and one for a professional conference
- Complete evaluations at the end of the program and one year later
 - Serve, if needed, on an interview selection committee for future award competitions.

2. Program Fee

I understand that the program fee of \$6,000 is covered by the James G. K. McClure Fund and include: international economy round-trip airfare from Raleigh or Charlotte, airport taxes, health insurance during the international portion of the program, double-room hotel accommodations, most meals, ground transportation abroad, and program costs in Singapore & Malaysia. The program fee also includes the following orientation and follow-up costs: speakers, facilities, some meals, materials, and an information handbook.

Participants are responsible for transportation to and from the N.C. airport, passports, immunizations, if necessary, luggage handling, meals not included in the program fee, the cost of a single room supplement, if desired, costs of any travel deviations and/or optional activities, and personal expenses. Participants are also responsible for transportation to and from the orientation and follow-up workshops, meals associated with the workshops but not covered by the program fee, accommodations associated with the workshops, if needed, and for the cost of substitutes, if necessary.

3. Withdrawal by Participant

I understand that there may be penalties for withdrawal from the program. Written notice of withdrawal and request for refund of the program fee must be made to the Center in writing

before departure. I understand that fees or expenses already obligated on my behalf may not be refunded. The closer the date of withdrawal to departure, the less likely the chance of a refund. If the withdrawal occurs too late for refunds and I have been funded by an outside agency (foundation, corporation, community business, etc.), I understand that I may be responsible for reimbursing the outside agency for the cost of my participation.

4. Program Arrangements

I understand that although the Center and its co-sponsors will attempt to implement the program as described in the documentation, they reserve the right to change the program at any time and for any reason they deem sufficient to promote program objectives, safety issues or institutional needs.

5. Travel and Accommodation Arrangements

I understand that I am expected to adapt to differences in physical accommodations that may be perceived as inconvenient or uncomfortable by U.S. standards. I further understand that changes in accommodations may be necessary in the best interest of the program or the best interest of the Center or its co-sponsors. I further understand that the Center and its co-sponsors do not represent or act as an agent for, and cannot control the acts or omissions of: any host institution, a host family, other host arrangements, land transportation, air transportation, carrier, hotel or similar accommodation, tour agent, tour organizer or other provider of goods or services related to the Program. I understand that the Center and its co-sponsors are not responsible for matters that are not within their direct control. I understand and agree that the Center and the University shall not be liable for any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay, expense or inconvenience arising out of any such matters. I do therefore release the Center and its co-sponsors from any such liability.

6. Site Specific Issues

I understand that there may be cultural, economic, political, and societal factors which may impact this program and my participation. I agree to make reasonable effort to acquaint myself with these factors and to adjust my behavior accordingly.

7. Communication Requirements

I understand that maintaining contact with program leaders and other program participants may be very important for safety, health and emergency purposes. I agree to select and utilize appropriate and ongoing communication with these persons. I also agree to maintain ongoing contact with my family or other support structure.

8. Independent Travel and Activities

I understand that neither the Center, nor its co-sponsors, nor any other representative or agent of the Center, nor their co-sponsors are responsible for any injuries, loss or damage I may suffer when I am traveling independently or am otherwise separated or absent from any program-related activities even if a program leader or other representative or agent accompanies me in any independent travel or activity not sponsored by or affiliated with the Center and its co-sponsors.

9. Health and Medical Issues

- a. I understand that travel abroad may expose me to certain conditions, diseases or illnesses. I will acquire all immunizations recommended by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and all other inoculations necessary for safe travel in the areas I am visiting. I agree to make reasonable efforts to acquaint myself with the health factors and issues endemic to these areas and to prepare myself accordingly.

- b. I understand that health insurance for July 10-21, 2015, is included in the program fee. Extended health insurance coverage may be purchased for travel beyond the official program dates. I understand that the Center and its co-sponsors are not obligated to pay for medical treatment or hospital care in a foreign country or in the U.S. during my participation in the program. I further understand that the Center and its co-sponsors are not responsible for the quality of such treatment or care.
- c. I have consulted with a medical doctor or comparable health care provider with regard to my personal medical status and needs. I certify that I am medically able and capable to participate in the program, in the activities associated with the program and in the travel incident to the program. I certify that I do not have a medical condition which would endanger the health of others associated with the program.
- d. I am aware of all of my personal medical needs and I certify that I am capable of and prepared to deal with those needs. I understand that the Center and its co-sponsors are not obligated to attend to my medical or medication needs.
- e. I understand that there are health risks associated with the program and travel activities. I further understand that the Center and its co-sponsors will not be responsible for the health risks, injuries, damages or loss beyond its direct control.
- f. I agree that if I am injured or become ill, the Center and its co-sponsors or their agents may secure hospitalization and/or medical treatment for me and I agree to pay all expenses related thereto. I further agree that the Center and its co-sponsors or their agents may release information to other persons who may need this information to assist me or to assist others in the program.
- g. I hereby release the Center and its co-sponsors from all liability for any of their actions or their agents' actions related to the activities listed above.

10. Safety Issues

I understand that there are safety risks associated with the program and travel incident thereto and that the Center and its co-sponsors are not responsible for such risks or injuries, damages or loss caused by them. I agree that the Center and its co-sponsors shall not be liable for such injuries, damages or loss except as may be caused by the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the employees, officials or agents of the Center, and their co-sponsors. I further agree that the Center and its co-sponsors cannot prevent me or other individuals from engaging in illegal, dangerous or unsafe activities. I therefore agree that the Center and its co-sponsors shall not be liable for injury, damages or loss caused by such activities. I certify that no oral or other written promise, agreement or representation concerning safety or liability has been made to me.

11. Standards of Conduct

- a. I understand that each foreign country has its own laws and regulations and has standards of acceptable conduct in the areas of dress, manners, morals, politics, alcohol use, drug use and behavior. I recognize that behavior or conduct which

violate those laws or standards could harm the program's effectiveness. I also understand explicitly that behavior or conduct which violates those laws or standards could harm my own health and safety as well as the health and safety of other participants in the program. I take full responsibility for my behavior and conduct and agree that the Center and its co-sponsors and agents will be released and indemnified for any claim, loss, injury or liability that may be caused by my behavior or conduct. This acceptance of responsibility and release and indemnification applies to my conduct and actions whether I am or I am not under the direction of the Center and its co-sponsors, their agents or program officials.

- b. I agree to make reasonable and good faith efforts to become informed of all laws, regulations and standards for each country to or through which I travel during my participation. I further agree that I will abide by and comply with those laws, regulations and standards.
- c. I also agree to comply with any standards or expectations adopted by the Center for this program.
- d. I agree that the Center and its co-sponsors have the right to enforce all of the standards of conduct described above. I understand that if my actions in any way impede or disrupt the program, I may be asked to leave the program. If I am excluded from the program, I consent to return home at my own expense with no refund of fees or expenses.
- e. I agree that I am fully responsible for any legal problems that I may have. I also agree that I am responsible for any encounters that I have with any foreign government or any individual. I understand and agree that the Center and its co-sponsors are not responsible for providing any assistance under such circumstances.

12. Program Changes

I understand that the program is subject to modification or cancellation because of natural disasters, political instability, insufficient participation or other causes. I further understand that if one of these occurs, fees or expenses already expended on my behalf may not be refunded. I further understand that program fees and charges are based on current airfares, lodging rates and travel costs, which are subject to change and for which I am responsible. I further understand that if I leave the program for any reason there will be no refund of fees paid or expenses incurred. I further agree that if I lose connections or become detached from the program group or if I become sick or injured, I will at my own expense contact and reach the program group.

13. Other Expenses or Insurance

In the event that it is necessary to extend the international portion of the program beyond the dates originally scheduled for emergencies or other reasons beyond the control of the Center and its co-sponsors, I agree to be responsible for my own additional expenses. Additionally, if it becomes necessary to terminate the international portion of the program prematurely for emergencies or other reasons beyond the control of the Center and its co-sponsors, I agree to be responsible for any additional travel or other costs incurred.

I understand that I am responsible for my own accident, travel, baggage, missed flight and life insurance coverage. I also understand that I am responsible for all debts and expenses I incur abroad other than those covered by the required program fees.

14. Acknowledgement of My Responsibility and Assumption of Risk

I fully understand that this program will expose me to many risks associated with foreign travel and participation in a program abroad. I fully accept this possibility of risks and assume all risks associated with this program. I therefore agree to release, hold harmless, discharge and indemnify the Center its co-sponsors, the UNC Board of Governors, University officials, employees, agents and volunteers from any present or future liability, claim or demand that may be asserted in connection with (a) emergencies, accidents, illnesses, injuries or other consequences or events arising from my participation in the program, (b) any cause, event or occurrence beyond the direct control of the Center and its co-sponsors or agents including, but not limited to, natural disasters, wars, civil disturbances, terrorist acts or the negligence of other persons, and (c) events or occurrences caused by my actions or conduct while traveling or participating in the program. Further, I understand and agree that this acknowledgement, discharge, hold harmless agreement, release, indemnification and assumption of risk shall be binding on me, my heirs, my assigns, members of my family, my executors and administrators and my personal representatives.

15. Voluntary Acknowledgement

I represent that my agreement to the provisions herein is wholly voluntary, and further understand that, prior to signing this agreement, I have the right to consult with the advisor, counselor or attorney of my choice.

16. Interpretation of Agreement

I agree and acknowledge that the laws of North Carolina govern this agreement and that North Carolina shall be the forum for any lawsuit, hearings or adjudications filed under or incident to this agreement or to the program. I further agree that should any provision or aspect of this agreement be found to be unenforceable, that all remaining provisions of the agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

I have carefully read, understand and fully agree with this agreement. This agreement represents my complete understanding with the Center and its co-sponsors concerning the Center's and its co-sponsors' or their agents' responsibility and liability for my participation in the program. This agreement supersedes any previous or contemporaneous understandings I may have had with the Center and its co-sponsors or their agents, whether oral or written

Printed Name

Signature

Date

**2015 Professional Development Program
Global Teachers to Singapore & Malaysia**

**The Center for International Understanding
James G. K. McClure Fund Award (Haywood County Schools)
Principal's Acknowledgment of Support**

I acknowledge that _____ has been offered an award to participate in the Global Teachers to Singapore & Malaysia Professional Development Program sponsored by the Center for International Understanding.

If he/she is participates in the study program, I agree to give him/her the opportunity to make a presentation to the faculty of this school about Singapore & Malaysia and the lessons learned during this program.

Further, I will support his/her efforts to teach about Singapore & Malaysia at the classroom and school level.

Other comments about the applicant:

Principal's Signature

Date

(Please return this form to the above applicant for inclusion in the application package)