



2011 Franco-American Teachers in Training Institute (FATIT)  
Coordinated by The University of Akron, College of Education  
Community Partner: Akron International Friendship



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In Collaboration with the Franco-American (Fulbright) Commission  
& the French Ministry of Education*

**About the Franco-American Teachers In Training Institute:**

The College of Education at The University of Akron received a grant from the Office of Global Education Programs at the U.S. Department of State to host a 3 month workshop and French Fulbright Teacher-in-Teaching exchange and a reciprocal exchange for U.S. Education Students to student teach in France. This is year number four of the program.

**Overall Program Objectives**

- Explore & share best practices
- Facilitate discussion of pedagogical issues
- Examine instruction, assessment, multiculturalism & technology
- Investigate the idea of school
- Interact with educators
- Establish an ongoing dialogue
- Expand professional network
- Develop collaborative initiatives

**2011 Important Dates**

- February 6 – group arrives
- Tuesday, February 8 – Community Welcome Dinner 5:30-8:00pm (Mason Community Center)
- February 6<sup>th</sup>- 18<sup>th</sup> - Group will stay at: Quaker Square Inn, 135 S. Broadway Akron, OH 44308 330-253-5970
- February 7-21 Seminar at University of Akron
- February 11-14 Participant Trip to DC- host families can join on bus- Holiday Inn Capital \$149/ night +tax RSVP as soon as possible
- February 18th – Start of homestay
- February 21- Amish field trip- host families invited- RSVP if interested
- February 22<sup>th</sup>- First Day of teaching with mentor teachers.
- February 24, March 3,10, & 17, April 7 - 4:00-6:00 pm Seminar- Colloquium Meetings at The University of Akron
- April 8- CAVs game in Cleveland
- April 9- Group day trip to Niagara Falls –host families can join-RSVP if interested
- April 13- last day of teaching
- April 14- Debriefing meetings at University
- April 14- Graduation- host families invited.
- April 16 Departure



### **Who are the French Fulbright Teachers-in-Training**

- Mix of first year teachers in training and masters level students.
- Are similar to “Entry Year” teachers
- Speak French as their primary language
- Are proficient in the English language, and are eager to continue developing their language skills
- Are inquisitive of American culture, life, and schooling

### **Teachers in Training professional role:**

- Assume responsibility for instruction and management of two classes per day
- Integrate into the school, i.e. lunch, pep-rallies, teacher duties, tutoring, after school activities, etc...
- Develop a foundational knowledge of U.S. Curriculum & Standards-based education
- Examine the relationship between schools and communities.
- Identify who their students are in regards to cultural diversity, learning styles, etc...

### **Role of Akron International Friendship:**

#### **About the Community Partner Organization:**

**[www.acorn.net/aif](http://www.acorn.net/aif)**

Akron International Friendship (AIF) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that strengthens links between Northeast Ohio and the World.

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- Akron International Friendship will administer the home stay and cultural portion of the grant. Students will stay with host families for 9 weeks of their stay in our community. AIF will provide orientation and program materials to French participants and host families.
- AIF will stay in communication with host families and participants throughout the program.
- AIF will organize local and state cultural excursions
- AIF will organize a welcome reception and other optional cultural outings.
- AIF will evaluate the homestay and cultural portion of the exchange experience.



### **Role of Host Family**

- Attend orientation session, read schedule & materials, attend welcome luncheon .
- Maintain regular contact and open communication with program administrators.
- Welcome your guest as a member of your family.
- Provide opportunities for your guest to practice and improve upon their conversational English.
- Discuss household rules with your guest- consider guests age: 24– 35 yrs old – and your household circumstances. Most participants will have been accustomed to a high level of independence.
- Help your guest adapt to your family and to U.S. life and culture.
- Provide a safe and friendly home environment: a separate bed, a place to study / work
- Provide an internet connection– guest will be loaned a laptop from the University.
- Have food available for daily breakfast and dinner and items for guest to pack for lunch.
- Consult guest when shopping for food- preferences, dietary concerns.
- Provide opportunity for guests to shop for personal items.
- Assist with transportation to schools for teaching internship. AIF will assist in trying to organize car pools among host families and encourage volunteer teachers or parents from participating schools to assist host families with transportation needs.
- Familiarize your guest with your community and its resources– If available- Bus stops & schedules, local coffee shops....
- Show respect for the culture and religious preferences of your guest. Religion tends to be a very private and individual concern. Please feel free to invite your guest to join you to a church service but do not expect them to attend.

### **Role of Teachers-in-Training as guest of host family:**

- Adjust to living with a host family– be understanding of their family schedule and lifestyle.
- Be flexible, adaptable, and positive.
- Be a responsible and caring member of your host family.
- Respect household rules as established by host family.
- Share his/her culture and customs with hosts and community.
- Establish open communication with your host family and show your commitment to this program.
- Show respect for the host culture.
- Eagerness by guest to respect families hospitality and join in special family, school, community activities, try new things and meet new people.



**Role of The University of Akron College of Education** is the Grant Recipient and Administrator of Project. They coordinate participant and program details with Franco-American Fulbright Commission, French Ministry of Education, and The U.S. Department of State. For the French Participants; University Personnel coordinate Seminar, Arrange for Teacher Placements, Oversee program logistics and details, organize out of town trip to Washington DC. For American participants, University personnel recruit, select and oversee details for participants who will go to France for student teaching experience.

### **Role of local Mentor Teachers**

- Create an open and inviting classroom environment
- Permit the teacher-in-training to take-on the responsibility of two classes per day
- Prepare students to receive instruction from a non-native English speaker
- Assist the teacher-in-training in meeting their objectives
- Provide regular constructive feedback
- Complete a mid-term and final evaluation
- Share, learn & enjoy!

### **TRANSPORTATION**

Biggest Challenge. Participants will be working in schools as mentor teachers. They will need to get back and forth from your home to the school they are placed at.

- Car Pooling- last year this worked well in some cases amongst the host families
- We can assist in contacting school PTAs and Teachers to request their assistance with carpooling
- Bus Routes- Do you live near bus stop- are you familiar with routes?
- Driving- Some of the participants have Intl. Drivers Lisc. And may wish to drive. Insurance/Liability/etc.

### **INSURANCE / EMERGENCY & PROGRAM INFO**

Participants will have major medical insurance provided by State Dept. They will also have access to medical center at the Univ. for minor medical needs. Details will be provided in your welcome packets.

AIF prepares an orientation packet for every participant with program materials, emergency information, community orientation and suggested cultural activities and list of current events. Evening and weekend activities can be planned to include sightseeing tours, museum visits, shopping, and attendance at performing arts events or sporting events- scheduled according to the participants' interests.



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## **2011 Participating Schools**

The teaching practicum is a mainstay of the program. For eight weeks, participants will be paired with mentor teachers in local schools and provided the opportunity to teach their content areas in English. The Franco-American Teachers-in-Training Institute has established a qualified pool of schools and districts with mentor teachers who are eager to maintain their participation in the program.

### **Akron - Firestone High School**

333 Rampart Ave. Akron , OH 44313

<http://www.firestonehigh.com/>

School Day - 8:15 am to 3:25 pm

### **Akron- Kenmore High School**

2140 13th St. S.W. \* Akron, Ohio 44314

<http://www.akronschools.com/schools/home/?schId=10889>

School day- 8:15 a.m. to 3:25 p.m.

### **Archbishop Hoban High School**

One Holy Cross Blvd. Akron, OH 44306

<http://www.hoban.org>

School Day - 7:55 am to 2:50 pm

### **Coventry High School**

3089 Manchester Rd. Akron, OH 44319

<http://www.coventryschools.org/Schools/HighSchool/tabid/57/Default.aspx>

School Day - 7:30 am to 2:30 pm

### **Kent - Stanton Middle School**

1175 Hudson Rd. Kent, Ohio 44240

<http://www.kentschools.net/sms/>

School Day - 7:36 am to 2:40 pm

### **Manchester Middle School**

760 West Nimisila Rd., Akron, OH 44319

[http://www.panthercountry.org/school\\_home.aspx?schoolID=2](http://www.panthercountry.org/school_home.aspx?schoolID=2)

School Day - 7:40 am to 2:39 pm

### **Springfield High School**

2966 Sanitarium Rd. Akron, OH 44312

<http://www.springfieldspartans.org/highschool.html>

School Day - 7:30 am to 2:30 pm

### **Stow-Munroe Falls - Kimpton Middle School**

380 N. River Rd. Munroe Falls, OH 44262

<http://www.smfschools.org/site.cfm/Schools/Kimpton-Middle-School.cfm>

School Day - 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

### **Stow-Munroe Falls- High School**

3227 E. Graham Road Stow, OH 44224

<http://www.smfschools.org/site.cfm/Schools/SMF-High-School.cfm>

School day: 7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

### **Tallmadge High School**

140 N. Munroe Road, Tallmadge, OH 44278

<http://www.tallmadgeschools.org/ths/site/default.asp>

School day: 7:20-2:45pm

