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Fund for Teachers Offers Grant Opportunity for Teachers' 2011 Summer Learning Experiences

HOUSTON (October 1, 2010) Teachers seeking inspiration, education and adventure look no further. Beginning October 1, Fund for Teachers invites educators to propose a summer project that pursues their passions and will subsequently impact student learning. Those awarded \$5,000 individual grants or \$10,000 team grants will embark on their global odysseys throughout the summer.

Fund for Teachers grants place virtually no limitations on teachers' aspirations, facilitating unlimited learning set in conferences, cultural centers and coral reefs. Requirements, varying slightly by program location, include:

- Employed by a school/district in an eligible geographic area;
- Teach in a Pre-K through 12th grade classroom;
- Achieved a minimum of three years classroom teaching experience;
- Spend at least 50% of a full-time position in the classroom or a classroom-like setting; and
- Intend to return to teaching in their school/district in the consecutive school year.

Teachers apply through an online application at fundforteachers.org/apply.html. Applications are due by January 28, 2011.

Examples of fellowships are available on the Teacher Project Search at fundforteachers.org. Testimonies and fellowship photos are also posted on facebook.com/fundforteachers.

"Fund for Teachers empowers teachers with the funds and freedom to pursue meaningful summer professional development of our own design," said Shana Steinhardt, teacher at Houston's Whidby Elementary & Montessori Magnet School whose 2010 fellowship took her to Africa where she studied ecology, culture, and geography in across four countries to enrich her social studies curriculum. "My Fund for Teachers fellowship yielded amazing experiences of lifetime. If you're a teacher and you've never applied for a Fund for Teachers fellowship, I encourage you to do so."

About Fund for Teachers

Fund for Teachers is a national, donor-supported organization celebrating its tenth year of awarding teachers the chance to pursue learning opportunities that have the greatest impact on themselves, their students and their communities. Over the course of a decade, Fund for Teachers has invested more than \$14 million in educators who, through their own life-long learning, transform classroom experiences for students. For more information, visit fundforteachers.org.

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