

SIT Study Abroad, a Program of World Learning  
Academic Director for Sabbatical Replacement  
Tibet/Bhutan: Tibetan and Himalayan Studies  
Start date: no later than January 1, 2009  
Program base: Dharamsala, India

**General Description:**

SIT Study Abroad, a program of World Learning, is recruiting for an Academic Director (AD) for a semester-long study abroad program based in India (with an excursion to Bhutan) from January to June 2009. The theme of the program is *Tibetan and Himalayan Studies* ([http://www.sit.edu/studyabroad/ssa\\_npt.htm](http://www.sit.edu/studyabroad/ssa_npt.htm)).

This program follows the SIT semester model with its focus on experiential learning to complement classroom instruction. Students finish their academic semester undertaking a research project, known as an ISP (independent studies project), which complements their academic coursework composed of thematic seminar and a research methodology class.

**The Academic Director is responsible for:**

- General management, implementation, and academic delivery of the study abroad Tibetan and Himalayan Studies program;
- Maintaining a current and relevant academic program, in association with local institutions, faculty and professionals; establishing clear student learning outcomes and designing program elements to meet these objectives;
- Organizing and delivering the students' initial cross-cultural orientation and relevant academic seminars;
- Overseeing the organization of educational visits and field trips and integrating the learning from these, as well as from the homestay, into the traditional coursework components of the program;
- Facilitating overall student learning by guiding and advising students in both their cross-cultural learning processes and academic experiences - thus serving as an educator/teacher in the broadest sense by assisting students to draw substantive connections from among different aspects of the experience;
- Conducting the program review and academic evaluation at the end of the program and preparing a rigorous written evaluation for each student's transcript, clarifying both what the student achieved and how it was achieved;
- Facilitating a constructive relationship between SIT students and host country communities, institutions and individuals involved with the program;

- Managing program staff, logistics and administration;
- Providing student support for medical, personal and security issues.
- Negotiating cost-effective program services and managing the program budget throughout the program;
- Maintaining regular communication with the SIT Study Abroad office in Brattleboro and submitting detailed, timely reports, as required.

**Specific Requirements:**

Master's degree required (Ph.D. preferred), in discipline related to the program theme as well as academic and practical knowledge of the region. Proficiency in Hindi, Nepali and Tibetan language highly recommended.

College teaching and experience with U.S. undergraduates desirable. Further, he/she must be attuned to the educational philosophy and expectations of SIT and possess both commitment to academic excellence and the personal leadership qualities required by the program. Among the latter are cultural sensitivity and adaptability; intellectual curiosity and enthusiasm for challenge; tact and diplomacy in working with host nationals, and American students; organizational ability; budget management skills; computer literacy; energy; and a sense of humor.

**Term:**

The position will begin no later than January 1, 2009 and will end in June 2009 once all final reports are submitted and complete. A training period will take place in the US and/or SIT offices in India or Nepal. Salary commensurate with experience and academic qualifications.

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**Application Deadline: Open until position is filled**