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Lilly Endowment Calling Educators to Apply for 2017 Teacher Creativity Fellowships

INDIANAPOLIS – As K-12 educators across Indiana prepare for summer, Lilly Endowment Inc. is inviting them to spend time during summer break to design personal renewal projects that will nurture their commitment to education.

Indiana teachers, principals, assistant principals, guidance counselors and library/media specialists can apply now through Sept. 1 for Teacher Creativity Fellowships. The program offers 100 grants at \$12,000 each.

Renewal experiences give educators the freedom to restore their creative energy and strengthen their commitment to teach, said Sara B. Cobb, vice president for education at the Endowment.

“The increasing demands on teachers during the school year leaves them little time to tend to their own needs,” Cobb said. “Teachers deserve the chance to be re-energized. When they are, they come back to their schools, classrooms and students with a renewed commitment to do all that they’ve done before—only better.”

The competitive program is open to licensed K-12 educators working in public and private schools across Indiana. Applicants must have at least three years of professional experience in education.

Previous fellowship winners have traveled worldwide to understand the cultures reflected in their increasingly diverse student populations. Some have traced their own ethnic identities and family trees. Others have pursued interests in the arts, scientific exploration and the natural world.

Launched in 1987, the Teacher Creativity Fellowship Program reflects the Endowment’s appreciation for the importance of renewal experiences for people who work in demanding professions in the non-profit sector, including artists, pastors and youth and human service workers.

For more information about the Teacher Creativity application process and to learn about 2017 fellowship winners go to www.teachercreativity.org.

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