



TRANSATLANTIC EDUCATORS DIALOGUE (TED)

SPRING 2023

January 15 - March 19, 2023

What is the Transatlantic Educators Dialogue?

The Transatlantic Educators Dialogue (TED) Program is a one of a kind opportunity for educators in the United States and Europe to come together online for shared exploration and examination of a variety of educational topics, such as global collaboration, supporting diverse learning needs, parental involvement, and technology in the classroom.

TED represents a unique experience in educational diplomacy and facilitates the exploration of new and diverse cultures. It is also a fantastic chance to build networks with fellow educators and foster global learning opportunities.

Who is involved with TED?

A total of 40-45 educators in the US and Europe will be involved. Participants may be current teachers, pre-service teachers, university education students, school administrators, graduate students, and university education faculty.

Where Does TED Meet?

Participants can participate anywhere, provided they have access to the internet. Program sessions are scheduled and synchronous; group collaborations and discussion board responses take place asynchronously.

Synchronous sessions take place weekly for ninety minutes using Zoom. This online application enables registered participants to simultaneously communicate with their peers using microphones and webcams connected to their computers, typing into a shared chat space, and sharing videos, presentations, and images.

Prior to each live weekly session, participants will respond to thematic essential questions on a discussion board to initiate the conversations and represent diverse U.S. and European perspectives for each of the weekly topics. Articles, videos, and various other resources will be shared through a shared program website.

Why Participate in TED?

- Learn about transatlantic educational systems, education policies, and classroom realities
- Explore networking opportunities with transatlantic educator counterparts
- Focus on career development, professional reflection, and growth, acknowledged in an official capacity at the end of the program.
- Develop critical thinking and analytical skills, with a focus on making connections between current events and topics covered in our discussions.
- Share experiences with other educators, maintain connections with other participants, and have your students engage in online classroom exchanges with their peers in other societies.
- Develop personal relationships with other teachers interested in doing international collaborative projects.

How Much Does it Cost?

There is no fee to participate in TED.

How to Participate?

Apply at <http://europe.illinois.edu/ted> by December 15, 2022

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Scheduled dates and weekly topics:

January 15 - TED Program Orientation & Introductions

January 22 - U.S. and European Schools: Similarities and Differences; What Does Your School Look Like?

January 29 - Global Collaborations: How Do We Get Started?

February 5 - Best Tech Week

February 12 - Socratic Discussion Week

February 19 - Triad Discussion Groups: Topics in Education

February 26 - Pedagogy and Instruction Week

March 5 - Student and Parental Involvement

March 12 - Supporting Diverse Learning Needs

March 19 - Best of TED Intersession

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Testimonials

"TED has been an incredible opportunity to exchange with teachers from different countries. One of the great things about the way it is organized is that it can evolve with what the group needs. It has opened a whole new range of possibilities for me in terms of teaching practices and tools but I believe the strongest point about it is the community it builds with the perspective of working together beyond the few months of the weekly meetings. It is very refreshing to be able to exchange with people who are eager to learn and share about teaching methods and I know this experience will keep bearing fruit in the long run." - Anne-Sophie Saint-Sulpice (France)

"TED 2022 experience was a breath of fresh air for me working and collaborating with inspiring peers from Europe and the USA. Getting to know teaching strategies and varied applications in other parts of the world, sharing good practices, bringing the world to my tiny computer screen each Sunday; TED programme was a powerful professional development. I believe teachers learn from each other and we will continue our strong bonds thanks to the programme. We're a proud family!" - Hasret Katircioğlu (Turkey)

"Participating in the TED program has enriched both my professional and personal life. I have networked and made potential plans to co-present at a conference in France next summer. I realized that despite our different cultures we all have the same basic tenets for education... there are so many commonalities. I love that there is an alumni program to continue to collaborate with colleagues from around the world. I learned so much from the other participants... just as much as I shared. It wasn't a ton of extra work like I thought it might be. I am so glad I said yes to this program!" - Andrea Isabelli (USA)

"Since 2008, as eTwinner and co-coordinator of Erasmus projects, I discovered the benefits of collaboration with foreign teachers. This year I had a new opportunity, collaborate with teachers from Europe, but also from the United States, and it was amazing. I found very nice people, with open minds and willing to share, and learn, from each other. The TED Program must be treasured, because it brings to all participants outstanding experiences, and helps each of them to be better teachers. That happened to me." - Maria Antónia Brandão (Portugal)

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