Institut de Français, UBC à Québec  

June 29-July 17, 2015

**Bursary for BC teachers covers tuition, accommodation and some meals.**

**French Immersion in the heart of Quebec City during the Quebec Summer Festival!**

A residential program in a private college situated in the historic setting of Les Plaines d'Abraham gives participants the opportunity to walk to la vieille ville while enjoying the magnificent view of the St. Lawrence River from a park setting. This program is specifically designed for FSL and French Immersion teachers.

**The University of British Columbia** offers this nineteen-day non-credit immersion program in Quebec City at all levels, from absolute beginner to advanced. Oral communication skills as well as an appreciation of Quebec's unique culture are developed. Morning classes, afternoon workshops and field trips concentrate on improving the participant's ability to converse in French. There is no prerequisite for the program; previous classroom experience and prior knowledge of French are not required.

Single occupancy accommodation is provided at Collège Mérici. Participants have their own rooms in great four-bedroom apartments, and share kitchen and bathroom facilities. Lunches are provided on weekdays, while breakfasts and dinners are the participant's responsibility.

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UBC offers this three-week immersion program for all teachers involved with French. The program is offered at all levels, from absolute beginner to advanced. Oral communication skills as well as an appreciation of Quebec's unique culture are developed. The program takes place during the Quebec Summer Festival.

Funding for BC teachers is provided by the Department of Canadian Heritage of the Government of Canada. Bursaries for BC teachers are administered by the French Centre, UBC Continuing Studies, for the French Programs Unit of the BC Ministry of Education.

Description: This program is intended for school teachers and administrators interested in learning the French language and Quebec culture. There is no prerequisite for the program; previous classroom experience and prior knowledge of French are not required.

Morning classes, afternoon workshops and field trips concentrate on improving the participant's ability to converse in French. Communicative methods are used to encourage active student participation. Visits within the community are an integral part of the program.

The program is offered during the Quebec City Summer Festival and participants can enjoy the Festival's many cultural activities, from street musicians, concerts and plays to parades and fireworks on the St. Lawrence River.

Institute Staff: French instructors from Quebec and BC will team-teach this program. All instructors employ the communicative approach which has been used successfully in past programs.

Location: The Collège Mérici is located near les Plaines d'Abraham, and it is within easy walking distance of all Quebec City attractions.

Schedule: There is a welcome reception at the Collège Mérici on Monday evening, June 29. The program starts with interviews & testing on Tuesday, June 30 at 8:30 am. Classes are held Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Afternoon workshops last approximately two hours. Evening and weekend activities are organized (some are optional). The program ends on Friday, July 17 in the late morning. Accommodation on June 27 and 28 and July 17-18 will be available at an additional cost for participants arriving early or leaving after the morning of July 18.

Methodology: Morning classes concentrate on developing comprehension and speaking skills using the communicative approach. Teachers use a combination of audio, video and films to complement exercises, role-playing and other communicative activities. Afternoon workshops allow participants to immerse themselves in their "Québécois" surroundings. Evening and weekend excursions offer great cultural opportunities.

Accommodation and Meals: Single occupancy accommodation is provided at Collège Mérici. Participants have their own rooms in new four-bedroom apartments, and share kitchen and bathroom facilities. Each apartment has a fully equipped kitchen, a living room and dining area. Lunches are provided on weekdays, while breakfasts and dinners are the participant's responsibility. Spouses and children cannot be accommodated during the program.

Transportation: Participants are responsible for arranging their own transportation to Quebec.

Bursaries: BC teachers are eligible for a bursary if they:

1) are or will be involved in the teaching of French or in the supervision of a French program
2) are or will be working at a public or independent school as a teacher, teacher-on-call, vice-principal or principal
3) are not native French speakers

Teachers who have previously attended this institute are not eligible to take it again for three years.

Administration: Bursaries for this program are administered by The University of British Columbia. BC teachers must fill out the application form, have it signed by their School Principal, and return it to UBC. BC Teachers-On-Call must fill out an additional form.

Applicants are accepted on a first-come first-served basis based on receipt of the application form and the $300 cheque.

The cost of the program to qualifying teachers is $1250.

Of the total cost of the program ($2750), BC teachers pay only $1250 (the $1250 includes the $300 application fee). The balance of the program cost ($1500) is covered by a Department of Canadian Heritage bursary. The $1500 bursary is administered by UBC and BC teachers do not apply for it separately.

UBC will receive the $1500 bursary directly from the Ministry of Education on behalf of each BC teacher who has completed the course. UBC will not receive the $1500 for teachers who do not complete the course. In which case these teachers will be held responsible to pay the full cost ($2750) of the program.

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