

Aloha Hawai'i HALT members,

This June 26 ESL teachers from around the world will be coming to Hawai'i to participate in a three-week English Language Educators' Summer Institute hosted by Hawai'i Pacific University. Members of HPU's TESL faculty have been awarded a U.S. State Department grant to develop classroom materials that promote cross-cultural understanding and illustrate the diversity of American life. The goal of the Summer Institute is to familiarize the visiting English teachers with the developed materials and to help them adapt the materials for use in their home countries and the contexts in which they teach. In addition to attending the academic classes designed for the Summer Institute, participants will be visiting various cultural and historical sites around Oahu, and learning about both American and Hawaiian culture and traditions.

Part of the cultural experience that we hope to create for the visiting English teachers is an opportunity to stay one night with a local family, joining them with their normal Saturday night and Sunday activities. As language teacher, you would be the perfect host. Please see the additional details and contact information below. Thank you for considering this opportunity.

Mahalo nui loa,

Dr. Sandra McKay

Program Manager, U.S. Department of State ELT Grant

For the HPU team

WHO: Host an international English teacher from Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Russia or Mexico.

WHEN: Saturday through Sunday, June 20-21

WHAT: Join us for afternoon activities and entertainment followed by an evening luau at HPU's Hawaii Loa campus. Afterward the international English teacher will go with you to your home for a one-night stay. The teacher will spend Sunday June 21st with you and return to Aqua Marina Hotel in Waikiki by Sunday evening.

- If you are interested in hosting an international teacher for the evening of June 20th, please contact Amy Tarmey, Assistant Program Manger, U.S. Department of State ELT Grant at amytarmey@yahoo.com
- Please include your name, address and email address

Thank you for your interest in this cultural exchange home stay program