Dear Dr. Thurston-Gonzalez,

I am writing to inform you of a unique and exciting opportunity to establish lasting relationships with faculty members at universities in Afghanistan and build upon your current efforts to internationalize your campus and community.

The Institute of International Education’s Council for International Exchange of Scholars (IIE/CIES) is pleased to invite U.S. campuses to apply to host scholars for the 2016 Afghanistan Junior Faculty Development Program (AJFDP). This 10-week program will sponsor up to 10 junior faculty from Afghanistan to be placed at one selected U.S. institution for intensive professional development from January through March 2016. Funded by the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), and administered by IIE/CIES, AJFDP is designed to enhance and broaden the professional skill sets of junior faculty in various disciplines, provide insight into the American system of higher education, and increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of Afghanistan. Components of the 10-week program include:

- A nine-week academic program on campus with a focus on teaching methodology, pedagogy, and English for teaching, academic writing and research.
- Various cultural and community engagement activities.
- Attendance at a relevant off-campus professional conference.
- A one-week program wrap-up session in Washington, DC conducted by IIE/CIES.

For information on how to apply, please view the AJFDP request for proposal on the IIE website at: http://www.iie.org/What-We-Do/Our-Procurements/Subaward-Opportunities. To learn more about the program, please visit the CIES website here. The deadline to submit a proposal is: September 16, 2015.

Your kind assistance in spreading the word about this opportunity to other departments and administrators on your campus is greatly appreciated.

Please contact me at AJFDP@iie.org or 202-686-6249 should you have any questions.

Thank you,

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