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JDO Global Partnership Program

The JDO Foundation is an educational non-profit foundation committed to facilitating the use of technology in primary school classrooms around the world. In the fall of 2015, JDO launched the Global Partnership Program. This program, which currently includes 36 partner schools worldwide, pairs classrooms (grades 3rd-6th) in the U.S.; London, England; Dublin, Ireland; Belfast, Northern Ireland; Cardiff, Wales; and Rome, Italy. These classes communicate and collaborate using technology, and other live sharing software. The program is designed to enable teachers and students to utilize technology to make new friends across the globe and collaborate on learning topics together.

We are currently in the process of identifying good candidates to add to our partner list for participation in our Global Partnership Program for the 2017/2018 school year. For partnership consideration, we have a teacher application process. JDO understands that it is the teachers that make this program a success. Their commitment to communicating with partner teachers across the globe and collaborating on co-curricular topics is required for participation and must be integrated into the teacher's learning plan and goals for the school year.

Once a teacher is accepted into our program, their class is provided with 1:1 technology for their students (if needed), and JDO provides guidance and professional development to assist in ensuring successful integration of the technology into the classroom. As stated previously, the teacher's commitment is essential for program success, thereby all program expectations must be met.

A link to the teacher application is as follows:

[Global Partnership Program Teacher Application](#)

This application can also be completed online through our website at jdofoundation.org. Applications need to be received by Wednesday, April 12th in order to be considered for participation for the 2017/2018 school year. Applications received after this date will continue to be accepted on a rolling basis and will be held on file for potential future partnership opportunities.

Acceptance into this program requires a three-year commitment and has the following annual expectations:



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1. Annual curriculum planning with partner teacher to identify co-curricular topics conducive to student communication and collaboration.
2. Monthly posting on the JDO Global Collaboration Project Forum-a synopsis of partner teachers' plan for collaboration by the 5th of each month. *Collaborative projects can cover more than one month.*
3. Weekly communication among students. This may occur through email, blog, Google Docs/Slides/Forms, other.
4. Monthly live communication/collaboration is required. This may occur through Facetime, Skype, WebEx, Google Hangout, other.
5. Monthly sharing of a video demonstrating live collaboration among students/classes.
6. End of Year Posting on the JDO Global Collaboration Project Forum - At least one excellent project/product of choice by the end of May each year.
7. Completion of three (2 hour) JDO professional development modules or workshops each year. These modules and workshops will be available online for self-paced completion. The Digital Citizenship Module completion is required prior to device deployment.

JDO also provides a scholarship for teachers from our U.S. and international partner schools to attend the ISTE- International Society for Technology in Education conference each year. This year the conference is held in San Antonio, Texas. At this conference, teachers are able to attend sessions focused on the latest technological influences for classroom teachers. Global collaboration is a key topic discussed and encouraged for classrooms to prepare their students for 21st Century learning. This conference highlights the fact that the JDO's long-term integrative model for global collaboration is cutting edge and we are proud to have developed this program.

We encourage you to share this information with teachers at your school and have them complete the teacher application if they are interested in this wonderful opportunity. Please contact Heather Rooney, CEO of Project Development at 303-933-7790, or by email at hrooney@jdofoundation.org if you have any questions or require additional information.

Thank you for your interest in this amazing program! We look forward to seeing applications from interested teachers soon.