

StarTalk Institute

Mentoring and Leadership for K-12 Chinese Teachers National K-12 Foreign Language Resource Center, Iowa State University

When: Saturday June 20 – Monday June 30, 2008

Where: National K-12 Foreign Language Resource Center, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa

Who: Practicing K-12 Chinese teachers with strong leadership potential

Why: The major goal of this institute is to equip and empower Chinese K-12 teachers to assume expanding leadership roles in their districts and states as a first step toward building a cadre of leaders who can exert influence at the regional and national levels.

How: At the summer institute, participants will develop, refine, and synthesize their professional knowledge, skills, and expertise by collaborating to design technology-infused, classroom teaching materials that reflect the best thinking of the profession; Following the summer institute, participants will (a) facilitate learning in their own classrooms through pedagogically sound uses of these materials; (b) use social technologies to reflect on their impact of these instructional approaches and materials and to exchange ideas and information with their institute colleagues and leaders; (c) employ the materials they have developed in conjunction with social technologies and principles of mentoring and leadership, to initiate, implement, and/or sustain change in their local context(s); and (d) expand their professional networks by using social technologies to disseminate materials to colleagues outside their local contexts, engage colleagues in professional conversations, and give professional presentations at state conferences as first steps toward ultimately impacting the regional and national levels.

Apply: *Application Mailing Deadline: April 1, 2008.* Download and complete the application found at <http://nflrc.iastate.edu/> and mail it and the supporting documents to the address listed below. Ask your school or professional organization to sponsor you by agreeing to pay your \$100 registration upon your acceptance to the institute. In exchange, offer to provide a session on what you have learned for your school or professional organization. Your application will receive special consideration if you have sponsorship. Participants will be notified of their acceptance by April 15, 2008.

Institute Leaders: Cherice Montgomery and Cindy Kendall, past leaders of NFLRC institutes: *Mentoring, Leadership, and Change* Institute held at ISU in 2003 and 2006 and the *PreK-12 Arabic and Hebrew Professional Development Institute* 2006 held at UCLA and Weiqing Wang, the Chinese cultural and linguistic consultant and demonstration teacher.

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