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## Atlantik-Brücke's 2013 Study Trip for American Teachers

**Application Deadline: May 31, 2013**

**When:** November 30 - December 8, 2013

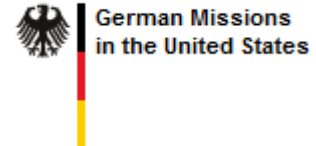
**Participants:** 10-14 teachers from southern California

**Trip includes visits to:** Berlin and at least two other German cities

### Description:

Atlantik-Brücke's study trips offer a unique opportunity for American social studies, German history and German language teachers to travel to Germany, learn about its society, political institutions, history and culture first-hand, and return to the United States with new perspectives and a vivid perception of modern Germany to share with students, colleagues and friends. During the week-long study trip, teachers visit schools, museums and memorials and meet with German politicians, journalists, business representatives, colleagues in education and Germany's young generation. Atlantik-Brücke has offered these study trips for over 25 years and has in the process welcomed hundreds of American teachers from various regions of the United States to Germany.

This year's program is offered in cooperation with the German Consulate General in Los Angeles, California and Germany's Central Agency for Schools Abroad, a representative from which will serve as the program contact in the U.S. and will accompany participants on the study trip.



Participants from previous study trips consistently describe their experiences as transformational, life-changing, and extremely insightful. Not only does the program offer new insights about Germany, it also spurs reflection about the American system, offers new material to enrich teachers' curriculum, and provides a platform for gaining personal contacts and networking across the Atlantic.

Impressions from past Study Trip participants:

*" Personally, I am left with a sense of profound understanding of the German way of life. It has cultivated in me an appreciation for German culture that will impact my life and career and therefore the lives and careers of the countless students that I will teach in the future."*

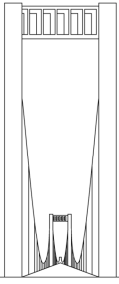
– Participant from Kentucky, Study Trip 2010

*" The sites visited on this study trip were amazing and well-rounded; however, it was the people we met that had the biggest impact on me and others."*

– Participant from North Dakota, Study Trip 2011

*" Touring the historical sites I teach my students about offered a greater sense of ownership and depth. Also, getting a chance to pick the brains of fellow educators and politicians gave me far greater insight into the German way of life that any independent research could have afforded me."*

– Participant from Georgia, Study Trip 2012



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### **Qualifications:**

Atlantik-Brücke's Study Trips are open to American teachers of German history and/or language who are responsible for any grade level(s) in either the public or the private school system, though preference is given to middle and high school teachers. Applicants are expected to have had at least several years of professional teaching experience. As the trips depend on the active participation of the delegates, ideal candidates should express a genuine interest in meaningful cultural exchange, bringing new perspectives into their classroom and community, and support for transatlantic relations. Applicants should also be willing to prepare for the study trips in advance and able to participate for the entire duration of the trip.

### **Costs:**

Atlantik-Brücke provides for all participants' transatlantic roundtrip flights, transportation within Germany, accommodation, group meals and other incidentals (e.g. entrance fees for museums). Transportation to and from the U.S. departure city must be covered by the participants themselves.

### **To apply:**

To apply, please send a cover letter and résumé via mail or email by May 31, 2013 to:

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### **About Atlantik-Brücke e.V.:**

Atlantik-Brücke e.V. is a private, non-profit organization that has been fostering transatlantic relations for sixty years. Founded by Eric M. Warburg, Atlantik-Brücke was established to build a bridge between the U.S. and Germany and enable better mutual understanding, especially in the fields of politics, economics, and culture. Atlantik-Brücke is a Berlin-based member organization; its 500 members represent the top decision-makers from business, politics, academia and the media.

### **Contact:**

Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Frank Duscha (contact details above) or Atlantik-Brücke directly. We look forward to receiving your application.

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