

Teachers, join us on this life-changing journey to Uganda!

Marymount University and REACH for Uganda are excited to invite **teachers and educational professionals** to join us on a trip to Uganda **March 20 - 30, 2024**. This trip is a unique opportunity to learn about Ugandan culture and education, while also making a difference in the lives of Ugandan teachers and students.

During this trip, you will:

- Experience the beauty and diversity of Uganda
- Visit Ugandan schools and observe classrooms, including both of REACH for Uganda's elementary schools
- Work with Ugandan teachers to share tips and tricks of the trade, and develop and implement lesson plans
- Participate in workshops on Ugandan education and culture
- Help to model lessons and teaching styles

Why go on this trip?

- To make a difference in the lives of Ugandan teachers and students. Ugandan teachers are some of the most dedicated and hardworking professionals in the world. However, they often face many challenges, such as large class sizes, limited resources, and a lack of professional development opportunities. By participating in this trip, **you can help Ugandan teachers to improve their skills and knowledge**, and you can also provide them with much-needed support and encouragement.
- To learn about Ugandan culture and education. Uganda is a beautiful and diverse country with a rich culture and history. On this trip, you will have the opportunity to **learn about Ugandan culture and education** firsthand. You will also have the chance to meet and interact with Ugandan people from all walks of life.
- To **experience the beauty and diversity** of Uganda. Uganda is a country with stunning scenery, diverse wildlife, and friendly people.

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Learn more: <https://reachforuganda.org/>





The trip is open to all teachers, regardless of experience or subject area

- The trip will be limited to 10 participants.
- The application deadline is December 1, 2023.

Join a virtual information session to learn more

- October 30, 7 - 8 pm
- November 15, 7 - 6 pm

Interest Survey: <https://rb.gy/j4mda>

Meet your trip leader, Marymount University's Dr. Shannon Melideo

Dr. Shannon Melideo celebrates 20 years at Marymount in January 2024 and was the first faculty member to lead trips to Uganda with the REACH for Uganda partnership. With 34 years of experience in education, she's taken on diverse roles, including mentor teacher and cooperating teacher, where she nurtured new educators. She has held administrative positions as an elementary administrator and ESOL district coordinator, championing inclusive learning environments. Dr. Melideo's influence extends to higher education, where she served as a department chairperson, supervisor, and associate dean, shaping teacher preparation programs. Her exceptional teaching was recognized with three teacher of the year nominations. Her dedication to inclusivity and educational betterment shines through collaborative efforts, global research presentations, and teacher training. Dr. Shannon Melideo's multifaceted interests, including travel, language learning, reading, and dance, enrich her contributions to education.

How to apply:

- To apply for this trip, please visit the REACH for Uganda website. The application deadline is December 1, 2023. <https://reachforuganda.org/getinvolved/trips/>

Cost:

- The cost of this ten day trip is \$1,120. This includes all your accommodations, meals, and private ground transportation while in Uganda. We want to provide teachers and education professionals an affordable way to visit a beautiful country!
- Out of pocket expenses will include flights, vaccinations, and any souvenirs purchased.