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FORTUNE NAMES TEACH FOR AMERICA ONE OF THE BEST COMPANIES TO WORK FOR

Education Nonprofit Makes the Magazine's List for Third Straight Year, Claiming No. 60 Spot

NEW YORK, January 16, 2013—FORTUNE magazine announced today that Teach For America, the nonprofit organization that invests emerging leaders in the movement to end educational inequity, ranks No. 60 on its 2013 list of “100 Best Companies to Work For.” This is a 10-spot rise over Teach For America’s ranking last year, and the third consecutive year that the organization has made the competitive list.

“Our staff members are extraordinary individuals, united and inspired by our mission of expanding educational opportunity,” said Wendy Kopp, founder and chief executive officer of Teach For America. “This honor from *Fortune* shines a bright light on the strong and inclusive culture we’ve built together and our focus on embodying our core values, developing our strengths, setting and achieving ambitious goals, and having fun in the process.”

Teach For America’s 2,000 staff members recruit, select, prepare, support, and foster the lifelong leadership of top recent college graduates and professionals who commit to teach for two years in urban and rural public schools. Approximately half of all employees are Teach For America alumni, and more than one-third identify as people of color, including 15 percent who identify as African American, and 9 percent who identify as Latino.

“This recognition is a direct reflection of the determined and endlessly optimistic colleagues whom I have the privilege to work alongside,” said Aimée Eubanks Davis, executive vice president of people, community, and diversity at Teach For America. “After a decade on staff, I continue to be inspired by the work we do, in partnership with many leaders in the communities in which we teach, to provide all children with the life opportunities that come with receiving an excellent education.”

To select the 100 Best Companies to Work For, FORTUNE partners with the Great Place to Work Institute, a global research and consulting firm operating in 45 countries. Together, they conducted the most extensive employee survey in corporate America; more than 277,000 employees across 259 organizations participated this year.

Two-thirds of a company’s score is based on the results of the institute’s Trust Index survey, which is sent to either a random sample of employees or all employees at each company. The survey asks questions related to their attitudes about management’s credibility, job satisfaction, and camaraderie. The other third of the score is based on responses to the institute’s Culture Audit, which includes detailed questions about pay and benefit programs and a series of open-ended questions about hiring practices, methods of internal communication, training, recognition programs, and diversity efforts.

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Any company that is at least 5 years old and has more than 1,000 U.S. employees is eligible. The full list of Best Companies to Work For can be found on the FORTUNE.

About Teach For America

Teach For America works in partnership with communities to expand educational opportunity for children facing the challenges of poverty. Founded in 1990, Teach For America recruits and develops a diverse corps of outstanding individuals of all academic disciplines to commit two years to teach in high-need schools and become lifelong leaders in the movement to end educational inequity. Today more than 10,000 corps members are teaching in 46 urban and rural regions across the country, while nearly 28,000 alumni are working across sectors to ensure that all children have access to an excellent education. For more information, visit www.teachforamerica.org and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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