

Teach Abroad Opportunities

As a volunteer teacher, you will witness firsthand the challenges and rewards of education in a developing country. You will share the skills and knowledge gained through your education and life experience with students who have not had the same advantages, and you will make a concrete and lasting difference in their lives.

You will gain cultural understanding and the ability to work independently in a new environment. You will have a role in the community, and an opportunity to learn about the local culture and contribute to community life and development. And you will develop key skills--including teaching, language, cross-cultural communication, and leadership--that will be useful in **any** career.

General Requirements

**Each program is subject to have its own requirements.*

- Bachelor's degree in any major.
- Native English speaker.
- Teaching experience and/or TEFL certification generally preferred, not required.
- For some programs in Spanish speaking countries, it is necessary to have at least upper-intermediate Spanish language skills. A minimum of four semesters of university Spanish language courses or equivalent documentation is required.

**Summer programs are generally open to anyone over the age of 18, including undergraduates and others who do not have a bachelor's degree.*

Program Fees

Teaching abroad programs usually charge a program fee. The programs fees vary among countries and programs. Program fees cover many things related to preparation, training, and support for your experience. Usually program fees include orientation, in-country transportation, insurance coverage, teaching guides and tools, visa application acquisition, and temporary to full time housing. Some programs also include airfare in their program fees. Participants are paying to live abroad and not necessarily to volunteer.

Teach abroad programs can be contracted year long, semester long or summer long. Year long programs generally include a monthly stipend. Stipend amounts vary among programs and countries.

Programs

CIEE Teach Abroad- www.ciee.org/teach.aspx

CIEE Teach Abroad offers programs in four countries for academic years or single semesters. Participants have the opportunity of teaching among primary, secondary, college/ university levels.

Program Options

Chile- academic year
China- academic year, one semester

Spain- academic year
Thailand- academic year, one semester

World Teach- www.worldteach.org

World Teach provides opportunities for volunteers to teach in developing countries, making a meaningful contribution to schools and communities that are in great need of teachers. Most volunteers teach English, and students range in age depending on the placement. In some countries, volunteers may also teach math, science, computer skills, or HIV/AIDS awareness.

Program Options

American Samoa - year
Bangladesh - year
Chile - year
China - year
Ecuador- year, summer
Guyana- year

Kenya - year
Mongolia- year
Namibia- year, summer
Poland- summer
Rwanda - year
South Africa- summer

Cultural Embrace-www.culturalembrace.com

Cultural Embrace includes a 20-unit online TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) course with most teach programs.

Program Options include: Latin America, Eastern Europe, United Kingdom, Spain, Chile, China, and Thailand.

Government Sponsored Programs

Ministry of Education—The Academic Information Agency assists people in finding teaching posts, mainly at primary and secondary state schools in smaller towns in the Czech Republic. <http://www.dz.cz/scripts/detail.asp?id=559>

English Program in Korea (EPIK)—Teach English for one year in the Korean educational system through this government-sponsored program. <http://epik.knue.ac.kr/>

French Embassy Teaching Assistant Program—Assist with English classes in a French school for seven months through this government sponsored program. <http://www.frenchculture.org/>

Japanese Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program—Work as a teaching assistant for one year through this Japanese government-sponsored program. <http://www.jetprogramme.org/>

Language and Culture Assistants in Spain—Help Spanish students learn English as a teaching assistant in a primary or secondary school. <http://www.sgcj.mec.es/usa/eng/programs/>

Fulbright English Teaching Assistantships—Opportunities for English language and conversational classes are available in several countries in Asia, Europe, and South America. Requirements, grant duration, and grant amount vary by country. <http://www.fulbrightonline.org/>

U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs— The Office of English Language Programs creates and implements high quality, targeted English language programs in specific regions and countries of the world. All programs are administered through the local American Embassy or Consulate. <http://exchanges.state.gov/education/engteaching/>

Peace Corps—Teach middle school, high school, or university students as part of a two year program in one of over seventy countries around the world. <http://www.peacecorps.gov/>

Other Resources

Alliance Abroad— Teach English in Chile or China www.allianceabroad.com/

Associazione Culturale Linguistica Educational (ACLE)— Work as an English teacher at an Italian summer camp in one of over fifty cities. <http://web.acle.org/>

American-Scandinavian Foundation— Gain practical training teaching for a year in a Finnish school, college, private or public institution, or university. <http://www.amscan.org/tefl.html>

EBC International TEFL Certificate-TEFL courses in Spain and Argentina with worldwide job placement. <http://www.ebc-tefl-course.com/>

English First— Teach English in China, Indonesia, or Russia. <http://www.englishfirst.com>

InterExchange— Live with a Spanish family and teach English to children. <http://www.interexchange.org/>

Global Routes— Global Routes offers international teaching positions for students who wish to volunteer in the following locations: Costa Rica, Ecuador, Ghana, India, Kenya, and Thailand. <http://www.globalroutes.org>

Oxford Seminars— Get certified to teach English overseas with Oxford Seminars' TESOL/TESL Teacher Training Certification http://www.oxfordseminars.com/Tesol/Pages/ESL/teach_english_overseas.php?region=US&ad=TESOL/TESL&id=3&num=23&page=7

Helpful Websites

www.teachabroad.com

www.transitionsabroad.com

www.tefl.com

www.eslcafe.com

www.jobs.edufind.com

www.englishabroad.ca/index_css.html

