International Career Series

Teach Abroad

Mon, Oct 23
4:00-5:00 pm
Kansas Room, Kansas Union

Learn about the many options to teach abroad after graduation!

Our special guests, who work at KU, have taught in Brazil, France, Spain, Bahrain, South Korea, Japan, Thailand, and China.

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Teaching programs vary in terms of:

**Length of program**

- 2 months
- 6 months
- 9 months
- 1 year
- 2 years
Teaching programs vary in terms of:

Compensation

- salary
- stipend
- volunteer
Teaching programs vary in terms of:

Subject matter

English language to children or adults

social studies, sciences, math, art to children (kindergarten-6th grade)
Teaching programs vary in terms of:

Requirements
This depends on the type of school. You may need:
- bachelor’s degree
- TEFL certificate
- TESOL certificate
- enrollment in a graduate school
- US teaching certificate

By the way, KU offers online
- TEFL Undergraduate Certificate (12 cr)
- TESOL Graduate Certificate (15 cr)
Teaching programs vary in terms of:

Expectations of the program
These will depend on the kind of school it is. Private academies and high schools will have different expectations from public high schools and universities.
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TEACHING IN FRANCE & SPAIN
TEACHING ASSISTANTSHP PROGRAM IN FRANCE (TAIFP)

OVERVIEW

• 7-month contract
• ~800 euros/month living stipend
  • Savings of $2,000-4,000 minimum recommended
• Serve as an English-language teaching assistant in public school classrooms
• 12 teaching hours a week
• Timeline
  • Application window Oct-January
  • Decision sent via email in April
  • Work beginning of October - end of April

REQUIREMENTS

• Between the age of 20 and 35
• Native English speaker
• US citizen or permanent resident
• Intermediate proficiency in French is required (B1 or higher on the CEFR Scale).
• Must have completed high school + 3 years of higher education by program start date
• 500-word statement of purpose (in French)
• 2 references (1 for French*, 1 other)
  • Can substitute French reference for test scores
LIFE IN TAPIF - NÎMES
WORKING IN TAPIF

- **Work schedule (~12-20 hours):**
  - 8:30 - 12 Mondays
  - 8:30 - 12 Tuesdays
  - 8:30 - 4:30 Fridays (with 2-hour lunch break)
- 3 elementary schools
- Levels: Kindergarten – 6th grade
- Classes: 25 – 50 minutes
- Emphasis on creative ideas for oral production: Songs, videos, crafts, dances, & other conversation and repetition activities
TRAVEL IN TAPIF

• 4 2-week vacations across the year
• Tips:
  • Student rates: free or cheaper with college ID
  • Bargain brands like Ryanair, BlaBlaCar
  • Hostels & shared Airbnb's

London, England

Spain
Madrid, Seville, Barcelona

Sunshine Route
Marseille, Nice, Monaco, Italy

Paris & Versailles
OVERVIEW

• 8-month contract
• 900-1,200 euros/month living stipend (800-1,000 euros/month)
  • Savings of $2,000-4,000 minimum recommended
• Serve as an English-language teaching assistant in private Catholic school classrooms
• 16-24 teaching hours/week (NALCAP: 14-16)
• Renewable 1-4 years (NALCAP: 1-5 years)
• Timeline
  • Application window Jan – March (Feb-April)
  • Decision sent via email in May
  • Work September – June (Oct-May)

REQUIREMENTS

• Native English speaker
• **CHANGE IN 2023:** EU passport holder, non-EU with valid visa, UK citizens, & non EU with expired student visa *currently in Spain*
  • (NALCAP: US citizen, age 18-60)
• Must have obtained bachelor’s degree by program start date
  • (NALCAP: have Bachelors or associates degree, OR be enrolled as a sophomore or above in bachelor’s degree)
• Statement of Purpose (250-300 words in English)
• Letter of recommendation
TRAVEL IN BEDA

• 3 1-week vacations across the year
  • Cities outside of Madrid – Avila, Cercedilla, Salamanca
  • Portugal - Porto, Cintra, & Lisbon

• Tips:
  • Travel companies for students & assistants!
WORKING IN BEDA

- **Work schedule (~24-35 hours):**
  - 8:30-5:00 Monday
  - 9:30-5:00 Tuesday-Thursday
  - 8:30-2:00 Friday
  - 55-min lunch break
- 1 school
- Levels: 6th grade – 12th grade
- Classes: 55 minutes
- Leading exercises out of textbooks, conducting conversation groups
- *Experience varies based on the school*
LIFE IN BEDA - MADRID
QUESTIONS?
Preston Braun
Preston Braun

He/Him/His
Life in the Arab Gulf
Living and working in Brazil
Shanghai, China
Keerthana Balashanmuganandam
TEACH ABROAD - THAILAND

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HELLO!
SAWADEE KHA/KHRAP!
Teach Abroad Thailand

- Nakhon Ratchasima/Korat (North East)
- Phuket City (Southern Island)
- Poland – Warszawa/City of Warsaw
What is the capital city of Thailand?

Bangkok - Krung Thep Mahanakhon Amon Rattanakosin Mahinthara Ayuthaya Mahadilok Phop Noppharat Ratchathani Burirom Udomratchaniwet Mahasathan Amon Piman Awatan Sathit Sakkathattiya Witsanukam Prasit ... and, breathe!
Teach Abroad - Thailand

- Why teach English in Thailand?
  - Cultural Experience
  - Cost of Living
  - Language Learning
  - Opportunities
  - Professional Experience
  - Adventure!!!
Teach Abroad in Thailand

People – Friendly

Food – Spicy!

Culture – Hierarchical

Living Situation – 5000 – 7000 THB/ Studio Apartment. ($140 – $200)

Transportation – Buses, Taxis Tuk-Tuks, Mini-Buses, Motor-bike taxis
TEACHING INDEPENDENTLY

THAILAND
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Requirements

- Be a native speaker of English (US, UK, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand)
- Must hold a Bachelor's Degree
- 120 hour TEFL Certificate - Preferred
- Criminal Background check
- Tourist or Non-Immigrant “B” Visa
- Valid Passport
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Job Search

1. Look for jobs online (Ajarn.com).
2. Approach Schools/Universities directly.
3. Sign up to get a 120-hour TEFL certification
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- Cover/Application Letter
- CV/Resume.
- Professional Head shot
- Passport identification page (for verification)
- Copy of degree(s) and transcripts
- Copy of any additional certifications or professional development
- Copy of teaching license (preferred)
- TOEIC/TOEFL/IELTS result (optional)
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Interview Process

Online/In-person Interview → Submit a Lesson Plan → Ask the interviewer for more details (Students' level of English, grade, etc.) → Prepare a mock lesson

Share the lesson plan and PPT slides before the interview → Accept Offer! → Discuss Compensation. 33,000 THB ($910/Month)
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Documents Required for Visa

1. Valid Passport
2. Official Bachelors/Masters Degree
3. Appointment Letter from the school
4. Letter from the Ministry of Education

Criminal Background check
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Job Responsibilities and Expectations
- Teaching Hours 20 hours/week
- Working hours 40 hours/week
- Oral and aural training for students
- Prepare lesson plans and assessment rubrics
- Conduct exams and Grade the students
- Required to attend 2-3 professional development seminars/year
- Expected to participate in annual field trips
- Other extra-curricular activities
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THANK YOU!

KAP KHUN KHA/KRAP!
Ian Adkins
Teaching in South Korea
My experience briefly
Konyang High School

- Hired from abroad
- Taught 1 year
- Rural boarding school
- Nonsan was the military training city
Middle School Era

- All in Gimhae, near Busan
- All were public schools
- I taught 6 years at a mix of rural and urban middle schools
- Students were lower level
Gyeongsang National University

• I taught 12 – 18 credit hours
• Community conversation classes
• Mix of gen-eds and intensive English classes
• Edited publications
• Large public institution
• Jinju
My daily life in Korea
What I ate the most
Korea has underrated natural beauty
A few more personal photos
Do your research.
Consider these questions.

• What does this position require in terms of degree and certification?

• Do I need a visa to stay in country for the length of program? Which visa should I apply for?

• What is the salary? Are there any benefits?

• What is the cost of living?

• Should I know the local languages?

• How difficult is it to find adequate housing?

• What is the history of the program? What do past participants say about the program?

• What does the position require? How many hours will you be expected to work?
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Questions?
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Meet the Interns

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