

Options for Teaching Abroad

- teaching or interning at a private American or international school
- teaching or becoming a teaching fellow at a private 'prep' school
- teaching English as a second language through a private language school
- teaching at overseas colleges and universities
- teaching in a public school system abroad

Most teaching opportunities are at legitimate, well-established schools; but you should always be careful and research the history and accreditation of the school. Teaching opportunities may also exist at universities and colleges, as well as in secondary and elementary schools.

Most schools will look for at least a B.A. and a one-year commitment; exceptions to this are rare when applying from abroad. Opportunities exist for those without certification, but the more experience you have or can acquire before you leave, the greater your options.

Salary levels vary widely in overseas teaching jobs. Be aware that you will usually be paid in the currency of the country in which you are working. Some schools may offer transportation and/or moving expenses, some may provide housing and health insurance, while others may simply pay the going salary and let you assume responsibility for the rest. Be sure to look carefully at the financial and benefits package offered to you.

TEACHING ABROAD PROGRAMS

The following are some programs that provide teaching abroad experiences. Students are strongly advised to thoroughly investigate programs before making a commitment to participating.

AEON

Founded in 1973, AEON recruits teachers for 190 private schools in Japan. Knowledge of Japanese is helpful. Minimum commitment is one year. Training, work visa, furnished apartment and salaries are all provided. www.aeonet.com

COUNCIL ON INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE

CIEE offers international work programs, study abroad and volunteer projects for students and graduates. Teach English (and perhaps other disciplines) in China and/or Thailand and participate in the daily life of a country transitioning from a traditional, agricultural society to an industrialized country with one of the fastest growing economies in the world.

www.ciee.org

FOOTPRINTS RECRUITING

ESL teacher placement agency that recruits college graduates to teach English abroad. Free to candidates.

www.footprintsrecruiting.com

FRENCH MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Paid assistantships teaching English in primary and secondary schools in France. Applicants must be US citizens who majored/minored in French and have a good working knowledge of French.

www.frenchculture.org/education/support/assistant/index.html

FULBRIGHT ENGLISH TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

Program for recent university graduates to serve as English Teaching Assistants in Belgium/Luxembourg, France, Germany, Hungary, Korea, Taiwan and Turkey. For more information visit the Graduate Studies Office in Smith 213.

www.iie.org/Content/.../Fulbright_Grant_Opportunities/Indonesia.htm

www.iie.org/Template.cfm?section=fulbright1

SYNARBOR EDUCATION: <http://www.synarboreducation.com/>

GLOBAL VOLUNTEER NETWORK

Volunteer opportunities worldwide. www.volunteer.org.nz/

GO TEACH ABROAD.COM

Online community of people who are passionate about teaching, studying and volunteering abroad. Forums for users to discuss a range of travel topics, a blog to share ideas with the online community and insightful articles to help expand your knowledge of opportunities abroad. www.goteachabroad.com

HESS LANGUAGE SCHOOL

An opportunity for college graduates to experience life and work in Taiwan. No Chinese language ability necessary - teachers are trained to teach well-established curriculum at any one of over 120 language schools and kindergartens.

www.hess.com.tw

INTEREXCHANGE

InterExchange offers a variety of programs (summer and year long) for both US and non-US citizens. They offer work programs in the Czech Republic, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Norway, and Switzerland and au pair programs in Austria, Finland, France (summer and year), Italy, Netherlands, Norway and Spain. www.workingabroad.org/index.html

INTERNET WORKS – TEACH ENGLISH IN MEXICO

Teacher placement program places college graduates in teaching positions in Mexico. Candidates do not need to speak English nor do they need a teaching certificate. www.teach-english-mexico.com/

JAPANESE EXCHANGE AND TEACHING

The JET Program offers college graduates opportunities to teach and advise in local public and private junior and senior high schools. www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/jet/

OVERSEAS DIGEST

Online newsletter on living and working overseas. www.overseasdigest.com/teacher1.html

NETWORK OF INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS: <http://www.nics.org/internationalteaching.php>

PEACE CORPS

Volunteers help expand opportunities by providing quality English, math, and science instruction. In many areas, they help promote adult literacy and improve education for women and girls. www.peacecorps.org

SERENDIPITY AMERICAN ENGLISH & CULTURE PROGRAM

Begun in September 1992 under the auspices of Serendipity: Russian Consulting & Development, Ltd., now Serendipity-Russia. Demand for English lessons from "native speakers" remains very strong. In addition to classes, teachers conduct lectures on topics of special interest to Russians.

www.serendipity-russia.com/engculture.htm#TEACHING%20OPPORTUNITY

SPOTLIGHT ON CAREERS

Guide to Teaching Overseas - Access via the Career Planning Center's web site.

TEACHERS FOR AFRICA PROGRAM – INTERNATIONAL FELLOWS PROGRAM

The International Fellows Program (IFP) is a nine-month internship for talented recent college graduates and graduate students to provide on-the-job development experience in Africa. Our Fellows provide technical assistance and training to community-based grassroots projects including education, literacy, health development, HIV/AIDS, English as a Second Language, agricultural development, proposal development, managerial training, feasibility studies and small business development. www.ifesh.org

TEACHABROAD.COM

Directory of teaching abroad opportunities. www.teachabroad.com

TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD: <http://www.teachingopportunitiesabroad.com/>

TEACHING & PROJECTS ABROAD

TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) placements provide experience in a structured educational setting – a primary or secondary school, special education schools, a university or in adult education. Placements in Bolivia, Chile, India, Mexico, Peru, Sri Lanka and South Africa. www.teaching-abroad.co.uk/

THE INTERNATIONAL TEACHER: <http://theinternationalteacher.cyberbali.com/>

TRANSITIONS ABROAD

Well-respected publication which has extensive online resources and contains a wealth of information on teaching, studying, traveling and living abroad. www.transitionsabroad.com/

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE - TEACHING OVERSEAS

The DOS does NOT employ teachers but does maintain a list of organizations which provide opportunities to teach in elementary and secondary schools and which recruit or employ a large number of teachers.

www.state.gov/www/about_state/schools/oteaching.html

VOLUNTEER SERVICES ORGANIZATION

Voted top international charity at the 2004 Charity Awards. www.vso.org.uk/index.asp

WORLD TEACH

Nonprofit organization that provides opportunities for individuals to make a meaningful contribution to international education by living and working as volunteer teachers in developing countries. Fee involved. www.worldteach.org