

# TEACHING ENGLISH ABROAD

## Why Teach Abroad?

Many students seek a way to finance their travel while practicing their foreign language skills in areas of the world they have yet to explore. Without language fluency and a high demand technical skill, options can appear limited with only a few exceptions. One of these exceptions involves teaching conversational English to those who seek to learn English, especially given today's global marketplace and areas of diplomacy.

## Where are the Jobs?

The greatest demand for English language instructors is in the Pacific Rim, with Japan offering many opportunities for novice and experienced ESL teachers. Korea, Malaysia and Taiwan also have many English language schools. China has recently added some interesting options as well. Eastern European countries are especially interested in English language instruction. Western European countries may be more competitive for Americans, even with formal credentials. Even Irish and British teachers need work permits as members of the European Union. Africa and Latin America are primarily served by volunteer organizations. Other teaching possibilities exist for those with knowledge of special fields such as business, health, math or science (such as the Peace Corps and Teachers for Africa) or for graduate students in the social sciences (like the Civic Education Project).

## What's ESL/EFL Certification? Do I Need it to Teach?

ESL translates to English as a Second Language. EFL is English as a Foreign Language. Certification programs can be taken while you go to school at UCSB and/or in the country where you hope to teach. A bachelor's degree is all you need for teaching assignments in most Asian, Central and Eastern European countries. A certificate is highly desirable if not required for Western Europe. More extended, in-depth programs are a good idea if you see yourself going on for a M.A. in ESL and pursuing a full-time career position in the field when you return from overseas. Most students, however, seek short-term, low cost programs that offer placement assistance or guarantees. **Most certificate programs are four weeks and the cost ranges from \$1,000 to \$1,500.** Many provide placement assistance and information on recruitment cycles and salaries.

## University of Michigan's Teaching Without a Certificate

[www.umich.edu/~icenter/overseas/work/teach\\_no\\_cert1.html](http://www.umich.edu/~icenter/overseas/work/teach_no_cert1.html)

Provides a good overview of student work abroad options, including a section on Teaching Abroad.

## How do I Choose a Program?

There are numerous TEFL/TESOL program options. Start by going to *TEACHABROAD.COM* and then find a shorter, annotated list at *TRANSITIONSABROAD.COM*. Keep in mind what is covered in application fees (*i.e., work permit, housing, training materials.*) Find out who you will be teaching and where. (*i.e., children or adults, state or private school*) Will the salary provided be sufficient if teaching in a city versus rural area? How much is it when converted to U.S. dollars? Is health insurance included for a separate fee, or will you be covered by socialized medicine available in-country. Here are two that have worked with our campus in the past:

\*EuroTEFL Teaching Training. [www.europetefl.com](http://www.europetefl.com)  
Training centers in Barcelona; Seville; Madrid; Florence; and London. For specific questions, contact Kevin Cline at [Kevin@englishexpress.eu.com](mailto:Kevin@englishexpress.eu.com)

\*Languagecorps- [www.LanguageCorps.com](http://www.LanguageCorps.com)  
Besides Europe and North African locations and volunteer programs in Cambodia and Sri Lanka, they have training centers in Costa Rica, Thailand, China, Ecuador, Mexico and Vietnam. Excellent structured support before, during and after your teaching experience. Toll free number: 1-877-216-32-3267. Email: [info@LanguageCorps.com](mailto:info@LanguageCorps.com)

## Getting Certified Before You Leave?

There are several ways to do this. Consider the certificate programs available at **UCSB Extension and/or Santa Barbara City College**. Both are highly reputable. They are especially strong if you are thinking of teaching English as a second language as a career when you return from overseas. Another popular, low cost option that includes placement is available through the Oxford seminars. Go to the website and find out when the next Santa Barbara course is happening and how to register. You can also consider the Oxford program in other California campus sites this coming summer while you are saving up to go abroad. Here's the program overview: <http://www.oxfordseminars.com/>

- Our intensive 60-hour TESOL/TEFL Teacher Training Certification Course is taught live, entirely in class to ensure students learn the most from our highly qualified instructors.
- Our course is offered on college campuses across the US.
- We back our internationally-recognized certificates with our 6-month Teacher Placement Service and our exclusive Money Back Guarantee.

- Our course has a limited class size, includes comprehensive teaching materials and concludes with an interactive teaching practicum.
- We maintain the highest standards for all of our course instructors, employing only the most qualified teachers who have extensive teaching backgrounds with years of overseas ESL teaching experience.
- There are no hidden fees or additional costs. All course materials, teaching resources, and access to our Teacher Placement Service are all included in our affordable course fee of \$995.
- With over 20,000 teaching jobs available monthly, thousands of satisfied graduates are teaching English around the world. Check out our COUNTRY PROFILES for details on teaching salaries also available

## What can I do now to prepare for a teaching position overseas?

Examine where you most want to go and why. Begin to acquire language proficiency for the country of most interest, if this is a goal. Take a UCSB course or two focused on the region of the world that interests you. Tutor an international student through our Office of International Students and Scholars Conversational Partners Program. Read world news publications. Ask our reference librarian for how to identify best sources. Don't overlook your personal contacts! Think about friends, relatives, professors or associates that have traveled abroad. Find out what they know. Start at least six months in advance of when you hope to leave.

## How Do I Find a Teaching Position on My Own?

### Dave's ESL Cafe's Job Center

[www.eslcafe.com/search/jobs](http://www.eslcafe.com/search/jobs)

A very comprehensive site containing links to job postings for those interested in teaching English as a Second Language worldwide.

### Linguistic Funland: Job Opportunities and Information

[www.linguistic-funland.com/tesljob.html](http://www.linguistic-funland.com/tesljob.html)

Contains links to numerous web sites pertaining to teaching English as a Second Language abroad.



## **NO CERTIFICATE REQUIRED--- TEACHING IN ASIA**

### **AEON**

[www.aeonet.com](http://www.aeonet.com)

AEON recruits teachers for their 190 private schools in Japan. BA required. TEFL background or knowledge of Japanese is helpful. Minimum commitment is one year. Training, work visa, furnished apartment and salaries are provided. Participants pay one-way airfare to Japan. AEON hires year-round.

### **APPALACHIANS ABROAD TEACH IN CHINA**

[www.marshall.edu/gochina/](http://www.marshall.edu/gochina/)

If you have a bachelor's degree and would like to participate in the adventure of a life time, you may want to consider applying for a teaching position in China through Marshall University's Appalachians Abroad Program. Universities from all over the People's Republic of China regularly agree to invite Appalachians Abroad participants to come to China and teach English as a foreign language. These one and two-year teaching positions usually begin from August or March.

### **CHINA TEACHING PROGRAM**

[www.ac.wvu.edu/~cftp/](http://www.ac.wvu.edu/~cftp/)

CTP is based at Western Washington University and offers placements in the People's Republic of China. Experts in business and law are also placed.

### **COUNCIL EXCHANGES TEACH IN CHINA PROGRAM**

[www.councilexchanges.org/work/ticfacts.htm](http://www.councilexchanges.org/work/ticfacts.htm)

Teach in China is an exciting, affordable opportunity to teach English to Chinese college students and to participate in the daily life of a country where traditional ways meet with the upcoming challenges and demands of the 21st century.

### **EFL in Asia-**

[www.geocities.com/Tokyo/Flast/7947/eflasia.htm](http://www.geocities.com/Tokyo/Flast/7947/eflasia.htm)

A guide to teaching English in Taiwan, Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, Indonesia, China, Vietnam, Laos, Thailand, and Mongolia.

### **EPIK: ENGLISH IN KOREA**

<http://epik.knue.ac.kr/>

EPIK seeks to improve the English-speaking ability of Korean students, to develop cultural exchanges and to reform teaching methodologies in English as a mandate of globalization of Korea. The Korean government is inviting English Language Instructors (ELIs) from six major English-speaking countries; United States, United Kingdom, Ireland, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand, to teach English in the school system, to train Korean English teachers, and to assist provincial officers of education.

### **HESS LANGUAGE SCHOOL**

<http://www.hess.com.tw/>

HLS in Taiwan seeks teachers who are enthusiastic, lively and have a genuine liking for children. BA required. Positions are paid, training is provided and they offer assistance with visas and accommodations.

### **JET: Japan Exchange and Teaching Program**

[http://www.mofa.go.jp/j\\_info/visit/jet/](http://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/jet/)

JET is a program is sponsored by the Japanese government. Positions are available as an Assistant Language Teacher (ALT), Coordinator for International Relations (CIR), or for non-U.S. citizens only Sports Exchange Advisor (SEA). The salary is sufficient to cover personal expenses for living in Japan, and round-trip air transportation is provided. Japanese language not required. Contracts are for one year with extensions available. The JETAA (JET Alumni Association) web site contains information on JETAA chapters, contacts, and a Job Hunting Guide. JET-L is an e-mail listserv set up for the purpose of discussion between returned and prospective JET participants. Subscribe to: [listserv@listserv.arizona.edu](mailto:listserv@listserv.arizona.edu) by sending an e-mail with nothing in the subject line and write subscribe list name your first name your last name in the body of the message.

### **PRINCETON-IN-ASIA**

<http://www.princeton.edu/~pia/>

PIA offers internships for college graduates, usually teaching English for one or two years in Hong Kong, Japan, China, Thailand, Indonesia, Singapore, Vietnam, Malaysia, Korea, and Kazakhstan.

### **NO CERTIFICATE REQUIRED-- CENTRAL, EASTERN AND WESTERN EUROPE PROGRAMS**

#### **CENTRAL EUROPEAN TEACHING PROGRAM**

[www.beloit.edu/~cetp/](http://www.beloit.edu/~cetp/)

CETP offers placement for the school year in elementary and high schools throughout Hungary, Poland, Romania, and Latvia.

#### **FRENCH MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**

<http://www.frenchculture.org/education/support/assistant/2003.html>

The French Ministry of Education offers paid teaching assistantship positions to teach English in primary and secondary schools in France. Applicants must be American citizens, 20-30 years of age, graduates or undergraduates, majoring or minoring in French, or having a good working knowledge of French. Teaching appointments begin in October and last 6-



7 months. **Applications are available on-line in September and the priority deadline is mid-December (for the following October).**

### **ECIS: The European Council of International Schools**

*www.ecis.org*

ECIS is a non-profit organization of English-language-based elementary and secondary schools in 84 countries throughout the world. They represent the largest groups of such schools and recruit teachers for their member institutions through both their UK and USA offices.

### **ELTAP: English Language Teaching Assistant Program**

*www.eltap.org*

The University of Minnesota, Morris, ELTAP offers a quarter-long - 11 week - academic experience for credit in assisting teaching of English in high schools and post-secondary institutions in Belarus, Cameroon, China, Czech Republic, India, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Korea, Latvia, Lithuania, Malaysia, Namibia, the Netherlands, Russia, Singapore, South Africa, Sweden, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey and Vietnam. BA not required.

### **Teach in Madrid, Spain-** *www.statravel.com*

Teach English to a Spanish host family's children. Work an average of 15 hours per week, Monday through Friday. Your language lesson may be less formal, depending upon the family. Work an average of 3 hours per day with time for sightseeing and travel. Your homestay includes free meals. Program length is 1 to 12 months. Ask for further details at our UCEN STA Travel Office.

## **What are Some Programs for Graduates with a Teaching Credential?**

### **INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS SERVICES**

*www.iss.edu*

ISS is a placement service for teachers with certification but without experience. Areas in special demand include math, science, computers, librarians and elementary teaching. Applicants must have a BA, teaching certification, experience living overseas and be willing to sign a two-year contract. For more information, e-mail: *iss@mcimail.com*

### **FULBRIGHT ENGLISH TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS**

*www.iie.org*

One-year teaching positions available for Austria, Belgium, Luxembourg, France, Germany Korea and Taiwan.

**Deadline: October for most programs.**

