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# TEACHING OVERSEAS

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## A Short Guide to Finding a Job Teaching English After Graduation

*As the world becomes more interconnected by the day, English language proficiency skills are becoming needed in organizational settings around the world. If you are a native-speaker or have English-proficiency, there are many opportunities for you to teach overseas. Here are some helpful tips to best prepare yourself during your job search and for immersion in the host country's culture.*

### 1. TEFL OR CELTA— WHICH OPTION IS BEST FOR YOU?

TEFL and CELTA are both certifications one can get to teach English as a foreign language. Some English teaching programs, which will be discussed later, include one of these certification courses in their program. However, you can also take these courses stateside.

TEFL stands for *Teaching English as a Foreign Language*. You can take online or onsite courses, with prices varying the price varies from as low as about \$200 to several thousand dollars. Course length varies based on how intensive or flexible of a program you are searching for, but typically it will consist of 100 hours of coursework and an additional 6 hours of observed teaching.

CELTA stands for Certificate in *Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages*. This is considered the more “elite” of the certificates because all courses are accredited by Cambridge University. The course is also based in British English, which is what many learners of English in other countries study in school. The price is more significant than TEFL, with the expense being several thousands, based on location and time frame. However, CELTA can offer more opportunities. You must take CELTA on-site with an instructor, and it usually takes about 2-3 months full-time.

It is important to research the TEFL and CELTA providers before registering to ensure you are receiving the most legitimate and professional course possible.



There are opportunities to receive TEFL certification in the city of Providence via **Oxford Seminars**. Oxford Seminars offers a 100-hour hybrid certification course, having both an online and in-person component. They also offer job placement services upon completion of the course. The cost of the course is approximately \$1,195. You can find more information here: <https://www.oxfordseminars.com/city/providence/>

Unfortunately at this time, CELTA certification courses are not taught in Rhode Island. The closest host cities are Boston and New York. Each city has several providers that hold courses throughout the year. Learn more here: <http://www.cambridgeenglish.org/find-a-centre/find-a-teaching-centre/>

## 2. GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED PROGRAMS

Several foreign and domestic government agencies have teaching assistant programs where U.S. citizens with a bachelor's degree can apply to teach in schools. Often, you may not need any formal certification or degree in education, but host country language skills and some classroom teaching experience is recommended, if not required. Below is a list of some of the most renowned programs in the world. A table with a standard timeline for each application is also available.

### *The Fulbright ETA Program*

The Fulbright English Language Teaching Assistantship program allows students who are graduating with a bachelor's degree to apply to teach English in a variety of educational settings. There are opportunities to teach English around the world: 9 opportunities in East Asia-Pacific, 36 opportunities in Europe, 6 opportunities in the Middle East & North Africa, 6 in South and Central Asia, 6 in Sub-Saharan Africa and 13 in the Western Hemisphere. Additional qualifications, such as language proficiency, vary for each country. Compensation also varies for each country. The deadline to apply for the following academic year is early October. **Providence College's Fulbright advisor is Dr. Darra Mulderry, who can answer any questions and help you with your application. Email her at [mulderry@providence.edu](mailto:mulderry@providence.edu).**

Find more information here: <https://us.fulbrightonline.org>

### Peace Corps

While Peace Corps volunteers can also work on agriculture, community economic development, health, environment and youth in development, there are opportunities to teach English as a Peace Corps volunteer. Through this opportunity, you can earn a TEFL certificate. It is important to note that Peace Corps volunteers serve for 2 years plus 3 months of training. Opportunities are posted throughout the year on the Peace Corps website, so it is important to check the posting board regularly. Typically you will be departing within 9-12 months of applying for a position.

Find out more information here: <https://www.peacecorps.gov>

### Princeton in Africa

Get placed in a yearlong service project based on your interest in Africa. This opportunity is open to graduating seniors and young alumni. Applications become available in late August, with the deadline in October. Although airfare is not covered, participants will receive a living stipend, housing and insurance.

Find out more information here: <http://www.princetonin africa.org/about/about-piaf/>

### Princeton in Asia

Get placed in a yearlong service project based on your interest in Asia. Many fellows work as English teachers at universities and high schools. This opportunity is available for graduates or graduating seniors. Applications become available in September, with a deadline of November. Benefits include salary and insurance. Find out more information here: <http://piaweb.princeton.edu>

### Princeton in Latin America

Get placed in a yearlong service project with partner NGOs based on your interest in Latin America and the Caribbean. This opportunity is available for graduates or graduating seniors. Applications become available in September, with a deadline of November. Benefits include a stipend to cover necessities is provided.

Find out more information here: <https://www.pila-princeton.org>

### *North American Language and Culture Assistants in Spain*

Teach English in Spain for 8-months! You must receive your bachelor's degree and have basic communication skills in Spanish in order to apply. Compensation is approximately 700 EUR per month. The deadline to apply is early April for the following academic year.

Find out more information here: <http://www.mecd.gob.es/eeuu/convocatorias-programas/convocatorias-eeuu/auxiliares-conversacion-eeuu.html>

### *Teach and Learn with Georgia*

Teach English in Georgia for 10-months! Minimum requirements include being a native speaker of English and a bachelor's degree. Compensation includes round-trip airfare, housing, medical insurance and 600 GEL after taxes. The deadline to apply is July 1st. Find out more information here: <http://www.tlg.gov.ge/index.php?lang=eng>

### *Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET)*

Teach in Japan for one year! Must hold a bachelor's degree and have an interest in Japan and Japanese culture. Compensation includes ¥3,360,000 a year and round-trip airfare. The deadline to apply for the following academic year is in November. Find out more information here: <https://jetprogramusa.org>

### *TAPIF (The Teaching Assistant Program in France)*

Teach in France for 7-months! To qualify, you must have at least a B1 proficiency in French. The deadline to apply for the following academic year is typically mid-January. Compensation is approximately 740 EUR per month after taxes. During the 2017-2018 academic year, there were 1,750 applicants for 1,100 spots, although 300 were accepted off the waitlist as those accepted declined offers.

Find more information here: <http://frenchhighereducation.org/teaching-assistant-program>



### English Program in Korea (EPIK)

Teach in Korea for one year! Salary varies based on degree and previous teaching experience. However, you will receive free single housing and allowance for airfare. There are two deadlines, depending on which term you wish to begin. Applicants for the fall term must apply before July, while those applying for the spring term must submit by January. More information here: <http://www.epik.go.kr/index.do>

### Academic Information Agency in the Czech Republic

Teach for an academic year in the Czech Republic! This opportunity prefers applicants have a TEFL certificate or have a degree in English, although it is not a requirement. This agency connects English teachers to schools in need throughout the Czech Republic. Compensation varies by school. Find more information here: [https://www.mzv.cz/washington/en/culture\\_events/education/information\\_for\\_teachers\\_of\\_english/index.html](https://www.mzv.cz/washington/en/culture_events/education/information_for_teachers_of_english/index.html)

### English Open Doors Program in Chile

Teach in Chile for one or two semesters! Although this is viewed as a volunteer opportunity, applicants do receive a small stipend. Additional compensation includes housing and meals with a host-family, fee-free visa, emergency health insurance and online Spanish course. Deadlines differ based on how many semesters you wish to participate. More information here: <http://centrodevoluntarios.cl>

### Interac in Japan

Teach for an academic year in Japan! While the program encourages applicants to have teaching experience or CELTA/TEFL certification, it is not required. Applications are accepted year round, although Interac recruits for Spring and Fall semesters. Apply for spring by December and for fall by May. Benefits include monthly stipend and support while securing housing. Find out more information here: <https://www.interacnetwork.com/recruit/>



American India Foundation William J. Clinton Fellowship for Service in India

This fellowship allows young American professionals the opportunity to work at an NGO in India for 10 months. Fellows will create projects that are scalable and sustainable via fieldwork and service. Applications open in the fall, with a deadline in February. Some of the benefits include roundtrip airfare, insurance and monthly stipend.

More information here: <https://aif.org/fellowship/>

US Teaching Assistantships at Austrian Secondary Schools

Teach in Austria for an academic year! This opportunity is fantastic for those who are proficient in German. Applications are due by mid-January. Benefits include monthly stipend and insurance. More information here: <https://www.usta-austria.at/site/home>

**TIMELINE FOR APPLICATION DEADLINES\***

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
FULBRIGHT				GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	RED		
PEACE CORPS	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN
PRINCETON AFRICA								GREEN	GREEN	RED		
PRINCETON ASIA									GREEN	GREEN	RED	
PRINCETON LATIN AMERICA									GREEN	GREEN	RED	
CULTURAL ASSISTANTS IN SPAIN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	RED								
TEACH & LEARN IN GEORGIA	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	FALL	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN
JAPAN EXCHANGE & TEACHING										GREEN	RED	
TAPIF (FRANCE)	RED										GREEN	GREEN
ENGLISH PROGRAM IN KOREA	SPRING	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	FALL	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN
ACADEMIC INFORMATION AGENCY IN CZECH REPUBLIC	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN
ENGLISH OPEN DOORS IN CHILE	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN
INTERAC IN JAPAN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	FALL	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	SPRING
SERVICE IN INDIA	GREEN	RED								GREEN	GREEN	GREEN
US ASSISTANTSHIPS IN AUSTRIA	RED										GREEN	GREEN

\***GREEN**= Application Available & **RED** = Application Deadline. *Please always refer to program websites for accurate/updated deadlines.*



### 3. COMPANY-BASED OPPORTUNITIES

Another possible route is receiving a job offer to teach English overseas from a company. Depending on the company, the application cycle may be year-round and placements may be in larger cities, although this is not always the case.

#### CIEE Teach Abroad

CIEE includes TEFL certification in their “Teach Abroad” programs. Although you will need to pay over \$1,000 typically upfront for the application fee and TEFL certification, upon arriving you will undergo training before being placed. You will also receive an income in local currency, housing, discounted airfare and health insurance. Currently, CIEE has placements in Chile, China, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, Morocco, Portugal, Senegal, South Korea, Spain, Thailand and Vietnam. Qualifications and application timelines vary for each location. More information here: <https://www.ciee.org/go-abroad/work/teach-english-abroad>

#### EF English First

EF English First has one-year teaching positions in China, Russia and Indonesia! Teaching English to kids, teens or adults in any of these locations. TEFL certification is required to teach, but EF English First can help you receive your certification. Additional benefits include competitive salary, flight allowance, sponsored work visa, health insurance and free language lessons. Positions are available all year, so see available opportunities here:

<http://www.englishfirst.com/ESL-Jobs/>

#### Meddeas in Spain

Teach at a Spanish private school for one academic year! No prior teaching experience needed, although it would help. This is a great way to improve your own Spanish-language skills while improving your students’ English skills. Compensation includes TEFL-course, health insurance and monthly income.

For more information on timeline, please click here: <https://www.meddeas.com>



### Catholic Volunteer Network

The Catholic Volunteer Network has volunteer opportunities both in the U.S. and overseas. While benefits, application deadlines and requirements vary from position-to-position, there are many opportunities in the field of education. Find out more information here: <https://catholicvolunteernetwork.org>

## **4. WORKING HOLIDAY VISA**

As recent college graduates or young Americans, some countries allow for you to apply for a one-year working holiday visa, where you can work in language schools or in the hospitality field. This is a great opportunity if you know you want to go to one of these countries, although finding employment may be difficult until you arrive.

### Australia

Work in Australia for up to 12 months (but work for each employer for only up to 6 months). Qualifications you must meet when applying to Australia's subclass 462 visa:

- U.S. Citizen between the ages of 18-30
- Have at least \$5,000 AUD in a bank account
- Pay \$420 AUD for the application fee

For more information: <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/visa-1/462->

### New Zealand

Work in New Zealand for up to 12 months (with an additional 3 months working in agricultural or horticultural sector). Qualifications you must meet when applying for the USA Working Holiday Visa:

- U.S. citizen between the ages of 18-30
- Have at least \$4,200 NZ to live on during your stay in NZ & money for a ticket home
- Full medical insurance
- \$165 USD application fee

For more information: <https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/options/work/explore-work-visa-options>





## Ireland

Work in Ireland for up to 12 months! Qualifications you must meet when applying for the USA Working Holiday Visa:

- U.S. citizen over the age of 18
- Have graduated with a post-secondary degree within the 12 months prior to receipt of their application by the Embassy
- Have at least \$4,000 USD in the bank
- \$360 USD application fee

For more information: <https://www.dfa.ie/irish-embassy/usa/our-services/visas/working-holiday-authorisation/>

## 5. FINDING OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

A final recommendation is joining the listserv for Education Abroad Professionals, SECUSS-L. While you will be receiving emails from international education professionals regarding policy, programming and advising, organizations will also occasionally post job openings for teaching overseas. Once a member of SECUSS-L, you will also have access to the archive, where you can identify past organizations who listed job postings overseas.

To sign-up for the listserv, please use the following link: <http://inted.oie.buffalo.edu/studyabroad/secussl/index.htm>

This is a non-exhaustive list of opportunities for teaching abroad. If you know of other opportunities that a classmate, acquaintance or yourself find yourself participating in that you would recommend to future Friars, please email us the information at **careers@providence.edu** so we can continue to update this booklet with the most relevant information.

