

International Internships LLC

Student Teacher Program in Ireland

Jumpstart a career in teaching....

Students can make the first leap into a teaching career with an international student teacher placement in Ireland. Our student teacher programs take place in the beautiful west of Ireland, mainly in Galway or Mayo.

We offer student teacher placements for early childhood teachers, general and special needs primary (elementary) teachers and secondary school teachers.

Exceptional schools

We are extremely proud to be associated with the schools that participate in our student teacher program. The schools are of the highest caliber, with outstanding teachers and staff who are delighted to work with student teachers enabling them to learn, grow and flourish in their placement.

Past placements include the following schools:

- A renowned Galway crèche that uses the Aistear curriculum, which is the new early childhood curriculum framework for children from birth to six years in Ireland.
- A primary school situated in one of the oldest and most historic parts of Galway; the school currently has over 360 pupils and a teaching staff of over 40.
- A large boys' secondary school in Westport, Co Mayo, that has an excellent academic and sport program

Accommodation

We will arrange for the student teachers' accommodation during their placement in Ireland. We have agreements with landlords in Galway and Westport to provide superior accommodation for the student teachers at a very reasonable cost. While in Ireland, the student teachers will share accommodation with each other and either the owner of the accommodation or others their same age, depending on the location of their placement. (Housing costs: Approx. €120 per week)

Cost

8-weeks: \$2400 + housing

12-weeks: \$2500 + housing



International Internships LLC provides comprehensive program management services for student teachers, host schools and Universities

Program Management

- 24/7 emergency support during placement
- Problem resolution & support available 7 days/week
- Accommodation arrangement
- Process all relevant paperwork
- Act as liaison between school, student, academic supervisor and University
- Provide students with practical arrival information
- Provide handbook on living in Ireland
- Arrangement of optional cultural outings

Student Teacher Program

Academic supervision while in Ireland

Student teachers are assigned an Irish academic supervisor while student teaching in Ireland. Student teachers will be visited at their teaching site by their Irish academic supervisor at least twice during their placement (and usually once by their University supervisor); of course, the Irish academic supervisor is available anytime for informal calls, emails or visits should the student teachers need additional support.

Typically, the academic supervisor's role entails coordinating with the student teacher's University to provide the student teacher with a tailored program providing professional advice to the student teachers in relation to the academic aspects of teaching in Ireland. The Irish academic supervisor works on three specific areas with the student teachers:

1. **Lesson plans:** It is expected at early education and primary school level that student teachers will construct at least one formal lesson plan for each day. Secondary school student teachers will construct one lesson plan for each class level taught each day.
2. **Thematic Unit Plan:** Generally, towards the end of the placement, the student teacher will plan a two-week unit of work based on a general theme (e.g., seasons, Christmas, etc...). During this period the lesson plans constructed to accompany the thematic unit plan are counted as formal lesson plans each day, so student teachers are not constructing any additional lesson plans to complete this task.
3. **Reflective Journals:** Each student teacher is required to write 2 reflective journal entries each week which show how their placement here in Ireland is benefitting them personally and professionally. Some examples of content for this journal may include; cultural differences, differences in teaching methodologies, ideas from the US student teachers may try out here in Ireland, behavioral issues, etc.

No visa needed for US citizens

Americans can stay in Ireland for up to 90 days on a visitor's visa. The visa is given at entry to the country, once the student provides a letter of internship confirmation from International Internships LLC, copy of return flight, proof of health insurance, and proof that student can support themselves financially while in Ireland. If an intern wishes to stay longer than their allotted 90 days, this is no problem, and we will help the intern during all aspects of the extension application process.

Optional cultural activities

International Internships LLC can organize Irish cultural activities for an additional fee should the university or student wish. Some of these activities may include: Irish language classes, archaeology, bodhrán/ harp sessions, hill walking, Irish dancing and more.

Work the Planet....



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