



International Internships

International Teaching Internship Program – ITIP (Teaching Internships in America)

International Internships LLC, acting as agent, in cooperation with a Department of State licensed visa sponsor, will assist in bringing Teaching Interns (on the J-1 visa) to the USA. University students studying to become teachers come to American schools to fulfill teaching internship requirements for their degrees. Individual schools and districts interested in hosting a Teaching Intern for up to 10 months, as well as individual internship candidates should contact us to get started.

Summary of the International Teaching Internship Program - ITIP

- Qualified foreign university students currently studying to become teachers may apply to intern in relevant and appropriate subject fields to gain teaching skills and share culture in American schools.
- American school communities get exposure to other cultures and nations through "in-house" teaching interns on the J-1 visa.
- The amount and depth of each intern's experience will vary depending upon factors such as program duration, the location of the host school, each intern's own motivation, personality, preparation and qualifications, etc.
- Teaching Interns may be unpaid, or paid, depending upon the circumstances of the host schools and interns.
- Schools interested in applying to host a Teaching Intern should apply now, realizing that there is a limited number of Interns accepted to be placed nation-wide. Though not "required", we recommend that Interns receive modest help in the form of housing accommodations and/or a stipend from their host schools.
- Interns are evaluated on a regular basis via discussions with Mentor Teachers (MT) as well as surveys, and virtual or in-person conferences with the sponsorship agency.
- We provide support and assistance to interns and schools for the duration of the program.
- Interns are appropriately screened, and arrive with complete health and accident insurance policies.
- J-1 Interns may not replace any normally employed American staff or student teacher, or otherwise assume any sort of independent, unsupervised or professional teaching duties on this program.

ITIP's goal is to foster cultural exchange and acquisition of professional teaching skills through participation in structured and supervised school- and classroom-oriented internship activities in education.

If you would like our firm to place a Teaching Intern in your school or district (K-12) for a trimester, semester or academic year, or if you are currently studying outside the USA to become a teacher, please contact us. We look forward to hearing from you!

About ITIP

ITIP enables qualified International Interns in Education to embark on challenging teaching internship opportunities at American schools on the J-1 visa program. Every year these Internships in Education open doors to an exchange of ideas, methodologies, and culture, which should benefit everyone involved. Interns hone valuable skills in teaching environments abroad, improve their English, and experience American life and school culture. We arrange sponsorship of J-1 visa teaching interns at American host schools in many fields of instruction: **Biology, Math, Sciences, History, Foreign Languages, Sports, Art, Drama, Music, Technology, etc.** Teaching interns should inform and inspire students, helping them better understand the world. Host communities share perspectives on the intern's country, culture and people.

Basic Eligibility Requirements and Qualifications for J-1 Visa Teaching Interns

Qualified foreign university students currently studying to become teachers in their home countries may apply to intern / student teach abroad in the USA in relevant subject fields to gain and hone valuable teaching skills while sharing their cultures in American schools.

Education Intern candidates must be:

- Currently enrolled in a degree or certificate-granting post-secondary academic institution outside the U.S. (e.g. university), or will have graduated from such an institution no more than 12 months prior to the first day of the proposed program.
- Sufficiently fluent in English to communicate effectively in all aspects of the program
- At an appropriate stage in their studies to participate
- Pursuing a career in education, and an education-related course of studies

Selection of Teaching Interns

Participants are selected based on individual qualifications, recommendations, personality, enthusiasm, initiative, subject knowledge, application materials, interviews, and availability of matching schools and positions.

Application and Placement Process

Interns accepted to the program may be either:

1. **Self-placed:** where the intern is placed at the host school he or she finds
2. **Full-placed:** We provide a teaching internship position at an American host school.

APPLY EARLY!

We rely heavily on candidates' and host schools' timely cooperation through every step of the process. A deciding factor on whether or not a particular internship application is successful is candidates taking the initiative to find and contact potential host schools on their own, and forwarding those contacts to us. This allows us to more effectively assist in securing the host school and finalizing the entire process.

Host Schools

The size, type and scope of potential American host schools is almost endless. Some host schools are relatively small, while others are huge! Great host schools can be found in rural, suburban or urban settings alike. They can be public or private schools, with students in any grade K-12. All schools hosting J-1 teaching interns must be accredited. Some may have hosted a teaching intern previously. For other schools, this will be a new and exciting "first time" experience.

Start Date and Length of Programs

Most schools begin in August or September, and end in May or June. Almost all schools will run on either a semester or trimester system. Before receiving final J-1 visa program sponsorship approval we will coordinate start and end dates for individual schools and their interns. The minimum program duration is approximately 2 months. The maximum program duration is 10 months (an academic year). J-1 Interns must participate in training activities for a minimum of 32 hours/week, as described in their official Training Plans (DS-7002).

Compensation/Pay

Teaching Interns may be unpaid, or paid. This varies depending upon the circumstances of the individual host schools and interns. We strongly recommend that, if possible, host schools assist with housing if they cannot pay interns a stipend. If an internship is paid, the approximate stipend amount is usually around \$300 – \$1000 per month.

Health Insurance

All participants must have a J-1 program-compliant health insurance policy for the duration of their programs. We will arrange this for you at a cost of \$85 per month that it meets or exceeds US Department of State J-1 program insurance requirements.

Housing

Interns should expect to find their own housing. The intern's host school and International Internships LLC can be of assistance in finding affordable housing options. Each intern must inform our visa partner agency of his or her US residential address upon arrival in the U.S. and inform us whenever residential information changes during the program.

Travel

Participants are required to pay for any travel costs to, from, and during the program, unless otherwise agreed in advance. Additionally, we encourage participants to travel locally during holidays and their grace periods in the US. If any international travel is requested the participant must contact our visa partner agency at least 2 or 3 weeks prior to departure so that a visa partner agency officer can sign and return the travel validation on the DS-2019 form, allowing you to re-enter the US on your J-1 visa.

Costs

Participants are responsible for all personal expenses while on the program. Expenses may include housing, travel, entertainment, income tax, etc.

Full Placed: \$1700 (We find your host school)

Self Placed: \$1100 (You find your host school)

Visa Fees: \$1375 - \$2425 (2-18 months/ cost varies by duration)

Health Insurance: \$85 per month (is paid in advance)

To apply, complete our online application by clicking the APPLY NOW BUTTON from this page:

http://www.international-internships.com/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgram&Program_ID=49549

Enter the ID CODE in the questionnaire that asks for the placement code

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