

SPECIFIC COUNTRY LISTING (ORGANIZED ALPHABETICALLY BY CONTINENT)

Listings are by no means complete, but represent some of the most prominent programs or employers in the region. The resource library at Liberal Arts Career Services has extensive listings of schools and other opportunities throughout the world.

TEACHING IN AFRICA

KENYA

[WorldTeach](#)

Volunteer teaching program. Teach English, math, or science in a "harambee" school. Kenya is not a wealthy country, but it is considered one of the most beautiful parts of Africa with attractive beaches, mountains and desert areas. Living conditions will be somewhat primitive.

TEACHING IN ASIA

General agencies which offer opportunities in Asia

[International Schools Services](#)

15 Roszel Road, P.O. Box 5910

Princeton, NJ 08543 U.S.A.

Phone: 609-452-0990

Fax: 609-452-2690

E-mail: iss@iss.edu

Works with over 300 schools abroad. Sets up schools for corporations.

[International Cultural Youth Exchange](#)

ICYE is an international non-profit youth exchange organization promoting youth mobility, intercultural learning and international voluntary service. ICYE organizes long and short-term exchanges combining home stays with voluntary service in more than 34 countries around the world. Contact them via the email form on their website.

[Princeton in Asia](#)

222 Palmer Hall

Princeton, NJ 08544

6092583657

A private, nonprofit placement organization which will help you find a position. You do not need to be a Princeton graduate to apply, but you must have some experience teaching English as a second language. Volunteer experience and/or courses are adequate substitutes.

[Teaching English in Asia](#) by Susan Griffith

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CHINA

Teaching jobs in China are limited, and obtaining them requires patience and perseverance. The political climate may affect your ability to get a job at the present time. You do not need to speak Chinese to qualify for these programs, but a rudimentary knowledge of Chinese will help you feel more comfortable and allow

you to participate more fully in the culture. You can seek a teaching position independently or use one of the agencies listed below.

To teach at a Chinese college or university, apply personally to the Chinese embassy or to the institution directly.

With a BA you will be lucky to receive \$150 a month (which is actually a year's salary to most people of China).

Living conditions will likely be crowded.

[China Education Exchange](#)

[China Teaching Program](#)

MS-9047

Western Washington University

516 High Street

Bellingham, WA 98225-9047

Campus location at Western Washington University:

Center for International Studies & Programs

High Street Hall 36

Telephone: (360) 650-3753

Fax: (360) 650-2847

E-mail: ctp@wwu.edu

Positions involve teaching English as a second language. Undergraduate degree required- no teaching experience necessary.

[Embassy of the People's Republic of China](#)

Education Division

2300 Connecticut Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20008

Chinese government recruits "foreign experts" (MA) and "Foreign teachers" (BA level) for university and college teaching positions, training institutes, etc.

[WorldTeach in China](#)

WorldTeach

c/o Center for International Development

Harvard University

79 John F. Kennedy Street

Cambridge MA 02138 USA

Office Location:

One Brattle Square, 5th Floor

Cambridge, MA 02138

Telephone: 1-800-4-TEACH-0 (483-2240) or 617-495-5527

Fax: 617-495-1599

General Information: info@worldteach.org

Applicant Information: admissions@worldteach.org

College graduates may teach English as a Second Language in China and other Asian communities.

TAIWAN

To teach in Taiwan, you should consider entering on a 2 month tourist visa and get a feel for the country first, if possible. You can then apply for a resident visa. You must have proof of your college degree and a teaching contract. It will take about a month to obtain and you must leave the country for a few days and return to activate it.

Parttime positions teaching English are usually easy to find and can be arranged after arrival.

"Cram" schools (aka bushibans) are prevalent throughout the country.

When interviewing, be sure to ask about health insurance, housing, wages, etc.

Conditions vary widely among the bushibans. Go to pubs and other American hangouts to find good bushibans many aren't.

Businesses offer English courses and might hire you.

Bring your credentials with you you will need them to get your visa.

Look for public bulletin boards to advertise your services.

Use your networking skills. Ask everyone you meet about teaching opportunities.

Read China Post or China News for jobs.

English Centers in Taiwan

Fortytwo English centers need teachers to teach English to first through sixth graders, 20 hours per week.

You must have a BA and hold a passport from an Englishspeaking country.

Knowledge of Mandarin Chinese is helpful but not required. You must make a one year commitment to teach, and the school will help you obtain resident visa and work permit. Apply by April for September openings; July for December, October for March, and January for June. Your interview will be conducted over the phone from Taipei. Write address above for more information and an application.

INDONESIA AND THAILAND

Indonesia and Thailand offer many opportunities to individuals wanting to gain experience in a short amount of time. The need for teachers of English as a second language is great in Thailand because of increasing tourist industry. These countries have a lower cost of living than other Asian countries and provide the essential experience required to get a wellpaying job in Japan, Taiwan or South Korea. You will need to obtain a sponsor for a six month social/ cultural visa or a twelve month working visa. You can get a work permit with the help of an employer. Most of your work will consist of practice conversation. Consider traveling to Thailand first to familiarize yourself with the country.

Read the Bangkok Post for openings

- ESL certification is helpful for finding a job, but you can find a job with a college degree
- It's generally easy to get work for a short time in Indonesia
- Most people in Indonesia speak 23 languages fluently
- You must get sponsor for a 12month working visa

Before you go have:

- a resume highlighting experience teaching
- written references and recommendations about character and abilities
- an original transcript and certified copy of degree

JAPAN

Opportunities for teaching English in Japan are available and it is the one country where it may be safe to travel with no job prospects. Most teaching positions pay at least \$22 an hour, but cost of living is high, so don't expect to save money until you've taught at least one year. The probability of finding a job once you're in Japan is fairly high, although it is increasingly difficult due to its popularity. Some parts of Japan are overrun with Americans at this time. Citizens of Australia, New Zealand and Canada have the best chance of receiving employment because of a special work/holiday visa that allows them to remain in the the

country for 1218 months. Americans must find a school to sponsor them. However, the American accent is preferred which gives you an employment advantage.

Tokyo, Osaka, and Yokohama provide the most opportunities for foreigners, but Tokyo is the most competitive. Consider skipping Tokyo and going to Osaka or Kobe. The number of opportunities in the last few years has declined due to smaller schools going bankrupt and the recession.

It is definitely to your advantage to check out some leads before you leave the United States. The general advice is that you arrive in Japan with at least \$2500 seed money to support yourself until you get your first paycheck. Experience and education are important. Be sure that you have the right qualifications (and the documentation of them), the necessary money to tide you over while you seek a job and have to leave the country to get your working papers and alternative plans if teaching doesn't work out.

In general, you can get a 3 month "landing permit" which allows you to work for 30 days before you're considered illegally employed. To stay longer, you will need to get your work visa within 4 weeks of employment. After you get a job, make reservations to leave the country as you must get a visa from the Japanese embassy in another country. Usually people go to Seoul or Hong Kong for the weekend. You must have proof of your college degree. Go to Seoul or Hong Kong for at least 4 days. Be sure the visa section of the embassy at your destination will be open when you're there.

Special note for women: cultural differences are strong. Although Japan is becoming more Western in its approach to women, women are still generally discouraged from finding jobs and female Americans may encounter more than their share of what we would call sexual harassment in America.

If you don't have any certification check out the chains of language schools called "factory" schools. They do not provide the best working conditions, but the jobs are easier to get.

- You will need not only a passport but a tourist visa as well
- Search the classified ads in the *Japan Times* the Monday edition has the best listings.
- The best time to look for work is around March and September before the school terms begin. The worst time is July & August.
- Many of your interviews will be conducted by phone: speak slowly and clearly, and try to sound lively with lots of personality.
- Your cover letter should be short and intelligent
- Your resume should be brief and interesting and emphasize teaching experience.
- If securing a job prior to departure ask about salary they vary greatly. Does it include airfare, car housing, vacation time, etc.?
- In 2005, salaries typically ran upwards of \$13/hour. If you have TESOL certification you will get more job offers and better pay.
- Housing is a major concern so start looking for places to live and roommates.
- When you get a job, some companies will pay for your flight to another country to get a work visa usually to Seoul or Hungary. If the company does not pay, discounted fares are advertised in [Tokyo Today](#).

Helpful Hints for Japan:

Before you go have:

- Phone numbers of five gaijin (foreign) houses for cheap, temporary lodging
- Phone numbers of TELL (Tokyo English Life Line)
- Patience to withstand bureaucracy and surprises!

[AEON InterCultural USA](#)

1960 East Grand Avenue
Suite 550
El Segundo, California 90245, USA

Tel : (310) 414-1515 / Fax : (310) 414-1616

This is the largest chain of language schools in Japan. They hire approximately 350 teachers a year. Contact them for an application and more information. They recruit in Austin TX. See their website for dates.

Earlham College Teaching English in Japan Program

Institute for Education on Japan
Earlham College
801 National Rd West, D-202
Richmond, IN 47374

Telephone 1-888-685-2726

A 2year program aimed at maximizing linguistic and cultural integration. Placements 2 times a year.

Japanese Exchange and Teaching Program (JET)

Embassy of Japan, JET Program Office
2520 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008
Tel: (202) 238-6772/6773
E-mail: jet@embjapan.org
<http://www.us.emb-japan.go.jp/>

Texas office:

Consulate General of Japan
Wells Fargo Plaza, Suite 2300
1000 Louisiana Street
Houston, TX 77002
Tel: (713) 652-2977 ext.120
E-mail: jetcoord@cgjhouston.org
<http://www.houston.us.emb-japan.go.jp/>

This program recruits students from the United States, Great Britain and Australia. You will have a job set up for you before you leave for Japan. You are bound to an 11month contract and a 40hour work week which is twice the normal hours of an independent teacher. Read the website for current dates and deadlines.

Japan Information and Culture Center

Lafayette Center III
1155 21st Street, NW
Washington, DC 20036-3308

Tel. (202) 238-6949
Fax: (202) 822-6524
jicc@embjapan.org

Information on Japan-related employment opportunities including teach English in Japan.

Japan Society, Inc.

333 East 47th Street New York, NY 10017
Phone: 212.832.1155

Nova Group

Offices located in several US cities. Go online to select the office closest to you.

Employs 1300 teachers in more than 100 schools

KOREA (South Korea only)

- have the job before you arrive if possible
- use an agency such as ELS international
- Koreans prefer the American accent because many students plan to study in the USA

US Embassy Information on Teaching English in Korea

http://travel.state.gov/travel/living/teaching/teaching_1240.html

<http://www.teachkoreanz.com/>

TEACHING IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

Formal teaching opportunities are limited due to the European community's preference for the British accent. The one exception to this is business English. Someone who can teach communication skills in a cultural context such as how to conduct a meeting or handle a phone conversation in America would be valuable to European clients.

- You can sometimes obtain tutoring or teaching assignments, but if you don't have the necessary working papers you run the risk of being arrested and/or deported.

Teaching English in [Mediterranean](#) or [Western Europe](#) by Susan Griffith

Provides an overview of teaching opportunities in the region, with several country-specific listings of opportunities.

FRANCE

Helpful Hints for Paris:

- Most opportunities are business-oriented, for example: French businessmen who want to learn business English
- Working without a work permit isn't advised French officials are strict!
- Check out English-language newspapers in Paris found in English language bookstores (especially Shakespeare & Co.):

[Paris Free Voice](#) classified advertising section; published monthly

[France USA Contacts](#) (FUSAC) mostly classified ads

GREAT BRITAIN

Britain's newspapers: *The Guardian* and *The Times* always carry TEFL vacancies worldwide. Tuesday's Education Guardian is helpful as is the Times Educational Supplement, published separately.

<http://jobs.guardian.co.uk/>

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/global/>

[NordAnglia International Ltd.](#)

Places teachers in over 80 English-language summer schools in Britain and Ireland.

GREECE

[Anglo-Hellenic Teacher Recruitment](#)

PO Box 263
201 00 Corinth, Greece

Telephone: 00 30 27410 53511
Fax: 00 30 27410 85579
info@anglo-hellenic.com

Places TEFL teachers in English schools in Greece.

[Global Volunteers: Teach English in Greece](#)

ITALY

- Move where the demand is highest.
- Private tutoring is the least secure job, but the most lucrative.
- Use any connections you might have.
- The demand is greatest in September when schools are hiring. By late October, the schools are filled.
- On your resume, indicate relevant courses. Be sure to emphasize the broad nature of a liberal arts degree, for example. Many Italian degrees are technical and an Italian employer will not assume that you have a broad background.
- Courses in science, engineering, and business are particularly valuable.

General information about teaching English in Italy:

<http://www.transitionsabroad.com/listings/work/esl/italy.shtml>

<http://www.teachitaly.com/>

<http://www.tesall.com/italy.html>

Volunteer program: http://www.globalvolunteers.org/1main/italy/volunteer_in_italy.htm

SCANDINAVIA

[The American Scandinavian Foundation](#)

The American - Scandinavian Foundation
Scandinavia House
58 Park Avenue
New York, New York 10016
Telephone: 212-879-9779
Fax: 212-686-2115

E-mail: info@amscan.org
Center for International Exchanges
P.B. 343
a00531
Helsinki, Finland

Arranges family stays where you teach your host family English.

SPAIN

The employment picture for teaching in Spain is not rosy. The government makes regular searches of

schools to weed out illegally employed individuals. According to those who have tried to teach in Spain, you will make barely enough money to pay your expenses even with a master's degree. Expect low pay for long hours of work.

Informative article on teaching in Spain: <http://www.transitionsabroad.com/listings/work/esl/articles/teachingenglishinspain.shtml>

[InterExchange Working Abroad Program](#)

[Teaching English in Madrid](#)

[Intern Abroad program](#)

EASTERN EUROPE

The demand for English instruction continues to grow and the need is greatest in Hungary, Poland, and Czechoslovakia, but salaries are low and many people can't afford English instruction. The standard of living is generally poor. Be sure to investigate the health conditions of the area in which you settle and get the appropriate vaccinations before you leave the United States. You will not encounter as much red tape and bureaucracy as you would in Europe. It is helpful if you know some of the native language. You may be able to get by with Russian language skills, although many of the people don't wish to speak it.

- Salaries low, housing difficult to find.
- Visas can usually be arranged once you find employment in these countries.
- Start by looking at academic institutions, and check US Embassy and the British Council for lists of schools.

Resources for Eastern Europe in general:

[Teaching English in Central/Eastern Europe](#) by Susan Griffith

Provides an overview of teaching opportunities in the region, with several country-specific listings of opportunities.

[Transitions Abroad](#)

MIR Initiative
PO Box 28183
Washington, DC 200388183

Associated with Center of Youth Initiative in Bratsk, Irkutsk, Eastern Siberia. Teachers must speak some Russian. Salary: 1,000 rubles per month.

[Project Harmony](#)

Project Harmony
5197 Main Street Unit 6
Waitsfield, Vermont 05673
Phone: (802) 496-4545
Fax: (802) 496-4548
8024964545

Read website for complete information. Promotes international cooperative and collaboration.

[Peace Corps](#)

Volunteers are sent on twoyear English teaching assignments to Hungary and Poland.

[TESOL](#)

Eastern European links for TESOL.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Helpful Hints for the Czech Republic and Prague:

- Make sure someone will arrange housing for you
- Bring US dollars
- Write agencies that arrange teaching jobs or arrive in Prague and visit agencies, ask at private schools or check bulletin board of American Hospitality Center on Male Namesti 14

[Bridges for Education Inc](#)

[Czech Embassy](#)

The Academic Information Agency assists people interested in teaching English in the Czech Republic to find teaching posts mainly at primary and secondary state schools.

[International House](#)

Offers opportunities to teach English in Czechoslovakia.

POLAND

The semesters begin in October and February, so it is best to arrive a month or two before to find employment. Start by visiting the English department at a local university for parttime tutoring ideas or local schools. Try to find a school which provides housing, as good housing is hard to find. If you can find housing through local sources, do so: the prices are higher for Americans. Sometimes you can arrange free housing (although crowded conditions prevail) in exchange for teaching English to a family.

- Beware of companies placing ads for teachers that require you to send money.
- Best time to arrive if you do not have a job beforehand is in August or September.
- The British Council in Warsaw has listings of schools teaching English.
- Private tutoring position openings are placed near universities or in dailies.

[Teach Poland](#)

[Foreign Language Teacher Training Colleges \(NKJO\)](#)

[World Teach in Poland](#)

TEACHING IN LATIN AMERICA

[Association of American Schools in South America \(AASSA\)](#)

Listing of major schools throughout South America

[Teaching English in Latin America](#)

Excellent resource from transitions abroad.

[Teachers Latin America](#)

Provides language and ESL training

[Teaching English in Latin America](#) by Susan Griffith

Provides an overview of teaching opportunities in the region, with several country-specific listings of opportunities.

Mexico

http://www.transitionsabroad.com/publications/magazine/0501/teaching_english_and_living_in_mexico.shtml

[Anne McKeever Language Center](#)

Receive free room & Board for teaching in southern Mexico

[Teach English in Mexico](#)

[Colegio Inglés](#)

Colegio Inglés is searching for native English speaking teachers who are willing to work and learn Spanish in México.

[The Institute of International Education](#)

Information on bilingual and other schools in Mexico.