



# Teaching English Abroad After Graduation

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# Agenda



- Teaching English Abroad: The Basics
- How to Prepare
- Certification Options
- Opportunity Spotlights
- Overview of Opportunities Worldwide



# The Basics: What You Should Know

- One of the most **accessible** post-grad opportunities abroad
  - Visa
  - Teaching certification is not always needed!
  - **Affordable**
- Academic year duration
- Deadlines can be early - up to a year in advance!
- Assistant teacher vs. primary teacher
- Gain skills transferable to all future careers!
- Career benefits
- Great opportunity to get an extended experience abroad that wasn't possible while an undergrad!
- What's included?



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# Preparing to Teach English Internationally

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# About the English Language Institute (“ELI”)

- Mission:
  - Provide language, academic, & intercultural instruction to members of U-M community
  - Foster an open, welcoming climate
  - Connect U-M campus with the world



# ELI 393/ELI 591: Teaching English Internationally (Winter)

This course:

- Prepares students to teach English as an Additional/Foreign Language abroad
- Introduces the basics of classroom methodologies and best practices in ESL pedagogy
- Teaches how to develop lesson plans and teaching materials for an interactive classroom in a specific teaching context
- Offers an optional virtual exchange practicum with partners in Taiwan
- Winter 2026: Tues/Thurs 11:30-1:00



# ELI 390: Community-Engaged Learning in ESL Teaching Contexts (Fall and Winter)

This course:

- Encourages undergraduates to critically reflect on TESL as a practice
- Introduces ESL teaching methods and techniques
- Explores, through reading and experiential learning, the positioning of English learners in the U.S.
- Provides opportunity to serve as ESL teacher assistants or tutors in local organizations (20 hours/semester)
- Winter 2026:
  - 001: Mon/Wed 1:00-2:30 p.m.
  - 002: Mon/Wed 10:00-11:30 a.m.

# Certifications for Teaching English Abroad

- TESOL/TESL/TEFL certificates
  - [TESOL International Association](#) (a reliable resource list)
  - [Search for a TESOL program](#) (TESOL)
- Cambridge Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages ([CELTA](#))
- [ELI 393/ELI 591](#) supplies a pdf “certificate”
- U-M [SOE ESL Endorsement](#) (Michigan K-12 teachers)

# Paid Opportunity in Summer and Winter Terms: Undergraduate Consultants for ELI 994

## Tasks:

- Participate in practice office hours and teaching sessions, as you would for a regular class
- Give feedback to prospective GSIs on the quality of their instruction in terms of language use and lesson delivery

## Skills Gained:

- Experience providing appropriate, constructive feedback in a multicultural setting
- Experience working with multilingual speakers from a variety of countries and disciplines
- Knowledge about second language teaching and learning
- An opportunity to help shape undergraduate teaching at U-M and foster an inclusive campus climate

# ▼ Volunteer Opportunity in Fall, Winter, & Summer: Facilitate a Conversation Circle

Conversation Circles provide international students and scholars at U-M with informal English practice and insights into US culture in a relaxed, casual setting.

- Support U-M's international community
- Meet people from around the world
- Build your leadership, facilitation, and intercultural competency skills
- Have fun!





## Contact Us

- General questions
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# Opportunity Spotlights

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# Fulbright: English Teaching Assistantship (ETA)



More information:

[U-M Fulbright Resources & Advising](#)

[iifellowships@umich.edu](mailto:iifellowships@umich.edu)

- **Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship (ETA)**

- **Summary:** Fulbrighters are placed in local classrooms in countries around the world to provide assistance to the local English teachers. ETAs help teach English language while serving as cultural ambassadors for the U.S.
- **Duration:** One academic year
- **Eligibility:** U.S. citizenship; country-specific requirements

- **Upcoming Deadlines:**

- Application Opens: April 2026
- U-M Campus Deadline: Late August 2026
- Campus Interview: September 2026
- National Deadline: Early October 2026
- Award Decisions: Mid Spring 2027
- Program Dates (typical): Fall 2027-Summer 2028

**Note:** Recent alumni are also encouraged to apply for the Fulbright ETA program through U-M!

# Peace Corps



More information:

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- **Summary:** Volunteer placements in one of six sectors:
  - education\*, youth-in-development, agriculture, environment, health, community economic development
- **Duration:**
  - 15 & 27 months placements
- **Eligibility:**
  - U.S. citizenship; placement-specific requirements
- **Upcoming Deadlines:** Between March 15 - April 15 for October and November departures, respectively.
- **Other Details:**
  - Select programs award TEFL certification

\*largest sector and most formalized way to teach English

# Japanese Exchange & Teaching Program (JET)



## Japanese Exchange & Teaching Program (JET)

- **Summary:** Opportunity to become a Assistant Language Teacher and cultural ambassador in Japan. Placements range from elementary to senior high.
- **Duration:** One academic year\*, renewable contract each year (up to 5 years total).
- **Eligibility:** Hold a Bachelor's degree; strong interest in Japan. Non-US citizens welcome, must apply through home country's JET Program office
- **Deadline:**
  - Passed for 2026-2027 (was November 14, 2025)

More questions?

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# Other Opportunities in Japan: Interac & Altia Central

## Interac

- **Pros:**

- Applications Accepted on Rolling Basis
- No limit on yearly contract renewals
- Typically elementary/middle school level

- **Cons:**

- No funding for travel to Japan
- Support network not as robust as JET
- Reduced pay over summer holidays



## Altia Central

- **Pros:**

- Quicker application and interview process
- Support and training comparable to JET experience
- No fluctuations in rate of pay

- **Cons:**

- Placements limited to Central Japan
- Almost always contracted to start in April



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# English Program in Korea (EPIK)



Questions?

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## English Program in Korea (EPIK)

- **Summary:** EPIK participants are assistant English teachers who work in public K-12 schools. They share their language and culture of their country with Korean students.
- **Duration:** One academic year, with the possibility of extending for additional years.
  - Spring (late-February) and Fall (late-August) intake options
- **Eligibility:** Bachelor's degree, native English-speaker, TEFL/TESOL/CELTA certification
- **Deadline:**
  - Rolling admission (closing date can vary by number of positions and applications)
- **Other details:**
  - Free housing and round-trip airfare reimbursement!
  - Can apply through CIEE (2/1 deadline)

# North American Language & Culture Assistants Program (NALCAP)



Questions?

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## North American Language & Culture Assistants Program (NALCAP)

- **Summary:** Assistant English language teacher with placements available throughout Spain
- **Duration:** One academic year (9-10 months), with the opportunity to renew contract each year for up to 5 years
  - Maximum of 2 consecutive years in the same region
- **Eligibility:** U.S. citizenship; college degree; no Spanish language requirement (but highly recommended)
- **Upcoming Deadlines:**
  - Application period for Fall 2026 start dates will likely be announced in late January
  - Typically opens in early-February and closes in early-April
  - Rolling application: first come, first served!
- **Other details:**
  - Can apply through [CIEE](#) (2/1 deadline)

# Teaching Assistant Program in France (TAPIF)

  
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Questions?

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## Teaching Assistant Program in France (TAPIF)

- **Summary:** Assistant English language teacher with placements available throughout France
- **Duration:** One academic year (7 months), with the opportunity to renew contract up to 4 times
  - Maximum of 2 consecutive years in the same region
- **Eligibility:** U.S. citizenship; Age 20-35; intermediate proficiency in French (B1 level on CEFR scale)
- **Deadline:**
  - March 15, 2026 (application opened on November 3)

# Overview of Opportunities Worldwide





# Asia

- JET (Japan)
- Interac (Japan)
- Altia Central(Japan)
- EPIK (South Korea)
- GEPIK (South Korea - placement in suburb of Seoul)
- Hess Education Organization (Taiwan)
- CIEE (Thailand, South Korea)
- Masa Israel (Israel)
- Travelbud (South Korea, Vietnam, Thailand, Japan)
- XploreAsia (Cambodia, Thailand, South Korea, Vietnam, Japan, Myanmar)
- Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship (Various)
- Princeton in Asia (Various)
- Peace Corps (Various)



# Europe

- North American Language and Cultural Assistants Program (Spain)
- Czech Republic Ministry of Education (Czech Republic)
- Teaching Assistant Program in France (France)
- Central European Teaching Program (Hungary)
- American English Program: American Home (Russia)
- CIEE (Spain - Madrid)
- RVF International (Spain - multiple cities)
- Austrian Fulbright Commission (Austria)
- Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship (Various)
- Peace Corps (Eastern Europe)



# Latin America



- IENA (Colombia)
- Travelbud (Costa Rica)
- Princeton in Latin America (Various)
- Peace Corps (Various)
- Fulbright (Various)



# Africa

- Peace Corps (Various)
- Princeton in Africa (Various)
- Fulbright (Various)

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