North American Language and Culture Assistants Program (NALCAP) in Spain

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About the Program

- Teaching **assistant** (auxiliar) in a primary or secondary public school in Spain
- Run by Spanish Ministry of Education
- Paid teaching opportunity!
- No teaching certificate required
- Academic year: October 1 - June 30 in Madrid and October 1 - May 31 in other regions
- 16 hours/ 4 days a week (Madrid) and 14 hours/ 4 days a week (other regions)
Eligibility Requirements

- US citizen
- Native English speaker
- Bachelor’s degree, or enrolled as a sophomore, junior or senior in college
  - Most participants teach abroad after graduation
- Basic proficiency of Spanish (recommended)
## Where can you teach?

All regions in Spain will be accepting applications for NALCAP for the 2024-2025 school year. The following are the number of positions offered during last year's cycle to give you a better idea when selecting your 3 preferred destinations. In total, 4,706 positions were awarded. These positions may vary for the 2024 cycle.

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[Map of Spain showing regions]

[Interactive table for selecting regions]
Application

- Statement of purpose (must be in English)
- Letter of recommendation
- Diploma or transcript
- Application Guidelines
- FAQs
- Was set to open 2/9, is now postponed due to Profex issues
Benefits

- €1000/month (Madrid); €800/month (other regions)
  - Private lessons after school (€15-20/hour)
- Immersive
- Personal growth
- Travel/free time to explore
- Exposure to different career fields
Spanish Government

- Free
- Placements all over Spain
- On your own for visa, finding housing, etc.
- Insurance included
- Application in Spanish (free)
- Application deadline: April 4 (opens February 9)

CIEE

- $2,350
- Placements in Madrid only
- Includes hotel for 4 nights, orientation, visa guidance, help with housing, 24/7 support
- Insurance included
- Application in English ($$$)
- Application deadline: March 1 (open now)
Madrid

- International, but still opportunities for immersion
- Can still be placed in rural areas of Madrid
- Access to parks, museums, restaurants, bars, nightlife
- Travel is more accessible and affordable
- More expensive
Other Regions

- Greater chance for immersive experience
- Placements can be in urban or rural cities in Spain
- Travel can be more expensive and time-consuming; regional travel popular
- Each region of Spain has its own culture
- Affordability depends on location
Hope’s Experience

- Worked at a bilingual high school in a community outside of Madrid
- Gave private English lessons to supplement income outside of school
- Integrated into the culture through playing soccer and volunteering as an English teacher with a local community organization
Jake’s Experience

- Primary school for two years in southeastern Madrid
- Taught grades 1 - 6
- 3 other auxiliaries at my school
- Private lessons after school
- Played in a basketball league
- Lots of traveling
- Still in touch with people I met
Resources

- Young Adventuress Blog
- Urban Escapist Blog
- Spain Auxiliares Subreddit
- Auxiliares de Conversación Facebook pages
Questions?

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