

## TEACH ENGLISH IN FRANCE!



Expand your cultural horizons and share your language and culture with French students.

### OVERVIEW

THE TEACHING ASSISTANT PROGRAM IN FRANCE OFFERS YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK IN FRANCE FOR 7 TO 9 MONTHS, TEACHING ENGLISH TO FRENCH STUDENTS OF ALL AGES. EACH YEAR, NEARLY 1,500 AMERICAN CITIZENS AND PERMANENT RESIDENTS TEACH IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACROSS ALL REGIONS OF METROPOLITAN FRANCE AND IN THE OVERSEAS DEPARTMENTS OF FRENCH GUIANA, GUADELOUPE, MARTINIQUE AND REUNION.

### TO APPLY

The online application for the 2011–2012 Teaching Assistant Program in France is available online at <https://www.tapif.org/>.  
**Application deadline: January 1, 2011.**

Applicants will be notified of selection in early April. Acceptance e-mails specify the regional school district to which the applicant is assigned. All placements are final. If accepted, awards cannot be deferred to the following academic year.

### EVALUATION CRITERIA

- **Proficiency in French:** Language skills are essential to facilitating work in the classroom and integrating into a new community. Transcripts of French coursework, a personal statement in French, and letters of recommendation attesting to the applicant's French skills, attitude and work ethic are required.
- **Experience teaching or working with children, adolescents and/or adults.** Such experience is not necessarily required, however all applicants should demonstrate at least an **interest in education.**
- **Skills to promote cultural understanding** between France and the United States. Previous experience living, working and/or traveling abroad demonstrates this appreciation of other cultures and ability to adapt to the challenges of life abroad.

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## 2011-2012



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the French Embassy  
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Have you always dreamed of living in France? Do you want to experience another culture after graduation? Would you like to work on your French accent?

## DUTIES

Assistants are assigned a 12-hour per week teaching schedule that may be divided among up to three schools. Classes are conducted in English. The teaching assistant may conduct all or part of a class, typically leading conversations in English. Duties may include serving as a resource person in conversation groups, providing small group tutorials, and giving talks related to American studies in English classes. Assignments vary depending on the school's needs, the assistant's abilities, and the educational level to which he or she is assigned (elementary or secondary).

## PROGRAM DURATION

All contracts begin October 1, 2011. 7-month contracts end on April 30, 2012. 9-month contracts end on June 30, 2012.

- **Elementary School (7 months):** Children aged 8-11 years old. Assistant organizes activities on own with small groups, or works alongside teacher with entire class present. Good level of French required.
- **Elementary School (9 months):** Children aged 8-11 years old. Assistant is the sole English educator. Assistant teaches classes on own and develops all lesson plans following national curriculum. Ideal for candidates aspiring to acquire elementary teaching or language teaching experience. Very good level of French required.
- **Secondary School (7 months):** Students aged 11-18 years old. Assistant serves as a resource person in conversation groups, provides small group tutorials, facilitates English-language clubs, or works alongside the teacher with the entire class present. No prior teaching experience necessary. Proficient level of French required.

## SALARY

Teaching assistants receive a net monthly salary of approximately **€780 per month** (after mandatory deductions for health insurance have been taken). The salary provides enough money to live the **lifestyle of a typical French student**. Assistants do not receive additional support for travel to France or for dependents. Personal funds are needed for the initial period of the contract.

## HEALTH INSURANCE

Teaching assistants are eligible for France's "Sécurité sociale" which covers 70% of medical costs, 35-65% of prescription costs, and 80% of hospitalization fees in France. The plan does **not cover travel outside of France**, costs for returning to the U.S. for medical treatment, or repatriation of remains. **Additional travel health insurance is strongly recommended** to cover the assistant outside of France, and to help with co-pays in the case of major medical emergencies in France.

## LOCATION

Applicants may request to be placed in one of France's 30 "Académies" or school districts that host American assistants each year. Assignment to the region of choice is not guaranteed and placement in the regions of Paris, Strasbourg, Lyon, Nice, Montpellier and Grenoble is very competitive. Flexibility is highly encouraged! Assistants are responsible for making their own housing arrangements.



## ELIGIBILITY

- **Citizenship:** Must be an American citizen or foreign national in possession of a U.S. Green Card. French nationals and French-American dual citizens are not eligible to apply.
- **Age:** Must be between 20 and 30 years old at the beginning of the teaching contract (October 1, 2011).
- **Education:** Must have completed at least 2 years of higher education by the beginning of the program (October 1, 2011).
- **Background:** Must have completed the majority of elementary, secondary and university studies in the United States.
- **Language Skills:** Must be native speaker of English. French proficiency required (minimum B1 level on Common European Framework of Reference for Languages). French majors and minors are encouraged to apply. Candidates without a major or minor in French may apply if they have developed at least a basic proficiency in French (~3 college semesters) and/or if they have lived abroad in a Francophone country.

## PRACTICAL TIMELINE

- October – December:** Candidates submit their online applications.
  - January 1, 2011:** Application Deadline
  - Early April:** Notification of selection is sent out by e-mail.
  - May – September:** Assistants complete paperwork to receive work contracts and apply for teaching assistant visas.
  - Late September:** Assistants leave for France
  - October 1, 2011:** Beginning of Teaching Assistant Program
- Work visas for assistants take between 1 and 3 weeks to be issued. Assistants must apply for visas in person at their regional French Consulates in the U.S. Assistants should plan on being in the U.S. during the entire month of August and up through late September to allow sufficient time to complete the visa application procedure.*



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