

TEACHER AMBASSADOR PROGRAM



Give your members the opportunity of a lifetime

If you know someone who is interested in traveling, experiencing new cultures, making a difference – **and an income** – they may be the perfect candidate for a unique new initiative.

Beginning this summer, the **Teacher Ambassador Program (TAP)** will train and employ Americans as **instructors for high schools in China**.

Make a Difference

This unique program trains participants to identify how to merge the eagerness, intelligence and expectations of a Chinese classroom with American styles of teaching (e.g., project-based learning, dialogue, critical thinking) and to learn about (optional) opportunities to engage classrooms in community service activities that are meaningful, realistic and culturally appropriate.

Benefits of the Program

- ▶ **A generous employment contract with benefits** – and the opportunity to continue on
- ▶ **Making a difference** in the lives of young people
- ▶ **Experiencing another culture** – through teaching and travel
- ▶ The option of **learning Chinese (Mandarin)**
- ▶ **Impressive credentials** and experiences for one's resume
- ▶ **Continual support** from fellow Ambassadors and two organizations with decades of experience in international education
- ▶ **Building one's resume** for future educational assignments

"I have re-signed for a third year because of the great folks I work with... Living in China has been like a second honeymoon for [my wife and I]."

— Allen Glick, 65, teacher in Suzhou

More information is on the next page, and please contact the following if you or someone you know is interested in this opportunity of a lifetime: tap@uwc-usa.org.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Who runs the program?

TAP is a partnership of 2 premier international education organizations. United World College-USA has a mission to "make education a force to unite people, nations and cultures for peace and a sustainable future." UWC-USA is part of a network of 13 schools and colleges across the globe with 40,000 graduates from 120 countries, specializing in international high school programs. Ameson Foundation is a New York-based, charitable organization operating educational exchanges between China and the US. The 13 high-quality, public magnet schools in China that Ameson operates in will be the destination for TAP teachers.

What are the salary and benefits?

- ▶ 7,000 - 20,000 RMB per month (which equals \$1,000 - \$3,000 US – a very comfortable life in China)
- ▶ A free, fully furnished, comfortable apartment (with high-speed Internet access) or monthly housing allowance
- ▶ Comprehensive medical insurance (but not vision or dental, which is inexpensive and readily available throughout China)
- ▶ Reimbursement of up to \$800 US for international travel (after year 1)
- ▶ 24-hour support, including translation assistance, travel planning, visa procurement and emergency assistance
- ▶ A classroom computer with Internet access
- ▶ Processing of your visa
- ▶ Chinese lessons (optional)
- ▶ Salary increase upon renewing for year 2

In which Chinese cities will TAP participants teach?

Beijing, Changzhou, Hefei, Jiangyin, Jinan, Nanjing, Nantong, Shanghai, Shijiazhuang, Suzhou, Wuxi, Yangzhou or Yixing.

Who and what will TAP participants teach?

Teachers will instruct Chinese students ages 16-18 (grades 10-12, similar to US high schools) in subjects aligned with their experience: Chemistry, English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, Physics, Social Sciences, etc.

Must TAP participants already speak Chinese?

No, and no prior experience with China is needed. The TAP training program will prepare teachers to make adjustments to their style and delivery. Teaching will be in English. Optional Mandarin classes for participants are available and free.

Can TAP participants bring their spouses and children?

Participants can bring spouses and children. Spouses are responsible for securing their own employment (if necessary). Children can enroll at the schools where participants teach (tuition is approximately \$400 US per year).

What experience in teaching must TAP participants have?

Qualified applicants will have prior teaching experience. Public and independent school teachers are eligible.

How will TAP prepare me for my assignment and transition to living in China?

The TAP screening and training program is thorough, ensuring a good fit, cross-cultural competency and accurate information. TAP is selective. The required training is an intensive US-based, 5-day seminar with fellow selectees, plus a personalized, local training in China lasting 5-10 days. This is augmented with ongoing support via Skype, the Internet and face-to-face reunions in China.

What are TAP's eligibility requirements?

American citizenship; 21-65 years of age; a bachelor's degree; 2 years work experience (in any field); prior teaching experience; a commitment to 1 year (September 1-July 10); and successful completion of the comprehensive training in San Francisco and in China.

What costs are TAP participants responsible for?

Entrance fees are \$3,499. This covers the comprehensive training program, placement in Chinese schools, visa assistance and a strong system of support through the year. Participants are responsible for travel to the 5-day training in San Francisco, where a range of affordable housing options will be offered and lunches provided. For the China orientation, lodging and meals are about \$30 US per day.