



welcome to
China

China is an aspiring ESL teacher's dream. A land of creaking wooden pagodas, the hum of tai chi, rolling grasslands, fiery cuisine and equally passionate locals, there is plenty to be discovered across China. **Join Premier TEFL in the Middle Kingdom**, where your neighbors range from energetic children, studious college kids, adorably-wrinkled yeye's and nainai's...and pandas. Whether you're reviewing grammar structures or eyeing a new street food to munch on, teaching English in China will make your resume sparkle. What's more, the Chinese are famed for their hospitality — expect rock-star reverence wherever you go!

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PLACEMENTS & LOCATIONS



Harbin is an oft-overlooked, but highly underrated, Chinese city in Dongbei (the eye of the rooster, if you will). Located closer to Vladivostok than Beijing, it won't take long for visitors to see the city's identity crisis—hot bowls of freshly pulled noodle soup rub shoulders with gorgeously purple borsch, and modern highrises share city skylines with traditional cathedrals. Harbin is an incredible destination for ESL teachers to get an introduction to a more multi-cultural side of China.

Complete your required online 120 hour TEFL course, then get ready to roll, panda-style:



locations:



After falling in love with the cobblestoned streets and rustic charm of Harbin, you'll head out to your official teaching placements, spread out in South, Central, and North China.



school placements:

You can teach kindergarteners, primary school children, or teens and above depending on your preferences. The majority of interns are placed at large schools (2,000+ students) and are a mixture of private and government schools.



the internship:

Expect to work 15 hours in the classroom weekly, and devote around 20 hours of work towards lesson planning, meetings, and activities. Some evening and weekend work might be required from time to time.



perks:

Most interns are placed in small groups or with partners—at least you'll have someone to fall back on for your TV show references! Further, all of your meals are included during work days. Bring on the kung pow chicken!



ORIENTATION & TRAINING



Beyond delightful icebreakers, orientation is four chockful days, and gives you the chance to get the real inside scoop on living and teaching in China from our local experts! Not only will we pig out at a welcome dinner, we'll have a crash course in Mandarin, review lesson planning techniques, dive deep into the do's and dont's of the Chinese culture (hint: leave your wristwatch gifts at home), and discuss transport and logistics. Plus tour one of the coolest cities in China!

Get to know your fellow teachers, daydream weekend trips to take together, and start your experience in China with some 福 (luck!) on your side.



WHO CAN APPLY



DON'T SWEAT

Don't sweat — chopsticks skills rank low on our list of minimum qualifications to become an ESL teacher in China. However, we do require that you...

18-45

Native



TEFL
QUALIFIED



- Are aged between 18 and 45 years old at time of travel
- Are a native English speaker
- Passport holder from USA, Canada, UK, Ireland, South Africa, Australia or New Zealand
- Have completed high school
- Are TEFL qualified (included)
- Are physically and mentally fit
- Have a clean police record

We also require our internship participants to be adaptable, flexible, culturally sensitive, respectful, and yes, good at using chopsticks (we'd hate for you to starve, after all!). 😊



• CHINA FACTS •

- Cricket fighting is a popular amusement in China. Many Chinese children keep crickets as pets.
- Despite its size, all of China is in one time zone.
- Many historians believe soccer originated in China around 1000 B.C.
- Ping-pong is one of the most popular games in China, but it was not invented in China. It originated in Britain, where it is called table tennis.
- Viewed as a status symbol, stamp collecting is China's number one hobby.
- Giant Pandas ("bear cat") date back two to three million years. The early Chinese emperors kept pandas to ward off evil spirits and natural disasters. Pandas also were considered symbols of might and bravery.
- White, rather than black, is the Chinese color for mourning and funerals.
- The most important holiday in China is the Chinese New Year or Lunar New Year. Chinese traditionally believe that every person turns one year older on the New Year and, thus, that day is considered to be everyone's birthday.





WHAT'S UP FOR GRABS?

- Monthly allowance of RMB¥2,000 (US\$310/€260/£230)
- 120 hours of TEFL training
- 70+ page Grammar eBook
- Lesson Planning Guide
- Flight reimbursement of RMB¥4,500 (US\$670/€590/£510)
- Airport pick-up & transfers
- 6-day orientation
- Accommodation
- 3 meals a day
- Mandarin lessons 2 hours a week
- Cultural excursions
- Visa assistance
- Ongoing in-country support
- Completion Bonus of RMB¥4,500 (US\$670/€590/£510)

FAQS

• I've already completed a TEFL course, can I get a discount?

Yes! So long as you've completed comprehensive TEFL training, you'll be eligible for a further discount. [Contact us](#) to find out how much extra you'll save.

• How long before my start date should I arrive?

You should book flights to arrive into Beijing Capital International Airport (PEK), on your specific internship arrival day, for airport pick up and orientation.

• How do I get from orientation to my placement?

At the end of your 4-day orientation, you will travel by public transport and a representative from your school will meet you at the station. Transport costs are included.

• Will I be placed with other interns?

Yes, you'll be one of at least two interns per school meaning you'll always have a fellow intern teacher to share teaching stories with.

There will also be native intern-teachers in towns and in cities throughout provinces of China and it will be easy to make contact with fellow teachers - you'll be joining a great community of English teachers!

• How much will I get paid?

Your RMB¥2,000 (US\$310/€260/£230) monthly allowance will be paid in cash or electronically to your Chinese bank account on the 15th of each month.

You should budget to have enough spending money to cover your five weeks in China until you receive your monthly allowance.

TIP Our previous interns say your first month can often be when you spend more - excursions, socialising and getting settled in. We recommend you try to budget a little extra per month for trips and then an emergency fund / credit card for unexpected events.

• Who will I be teaching?

You'll be working in public schools, language centers and private schools either be working at a kindergarten, primary, high school or adult level.

• Can I be placed with a friend?

Yes, you can request to be placed with a friend or as a couple. You'll have a spot on your application form to mention who you're traveling with.

• Where will I be located?

There are both urban and more rural placements available throughout northern, central and southern China.

You will be asked to nominate your preference of placement (NB. due to availability preference can't be guaranteed, so it's best to apply early).

• What will my accommodation be like?

Housing is provided throughout your entire stay on the internship which will be an apartment shared with other teachers.

During orientation you'll share a room for orientation but after that you'll have your own single room in your local Chinese style apartment.

• I have dietary requirements, will I manage okay?

Yes, there are both gluten and dairy free options as well as many suitable vegetarian options. Our in-country team will be happy to assist and advise you.

• What extras do I need to pay for?

- Doctor's letter (to say you're fit and well)
- Criminal record check
- Comprehensive travel insurance
- Visa (Embassy fee plus administration charge of - US\$250/€215/£190 for visa invitation letter)
- Flights

• Can I book a one-way flight?

Yes, you can book a one-way flight to China. We advise the participant to book a one-way or flexible ticket so you have the freedom to make travel plans while you're there.

Your visa will be valid for 6 months and the program is 5 months, you'll meet other interns that you'll want to travel with afterwards!

You'll have around 4 - 5 weeks left on your visa after internship completion. Combined with new-found friends and a flight reimbursement of RMB¥4,500 (US\$670/€590/£510) you'll have the perfect recipe to explore more of China or kick back for some post-teaching relaxation.

• Is there a chance I won't be accepted?

As with any internship your spot isn't guaranteed. Your application is subject to local school and visa approval.

If your application is not approved by our partner schools you'll be refunded all of your internship fee plus 50% of the value of your included TEFL course. Essentially, you'll get TEFL trained at half price.

We'll also guide you on other internship options or independent job searches.





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Planning guide now!**



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