Teach Mandarin in the United States with the Teachers of Critical Languages Program

The Teachers of Critical Languages Program brings teachers of English or Chinese as a Foreign Language to the U.S. for one year to teach Mandarin Chinese to American primary and secondary school students and serve as cultural resources for their host schools and communities.

Program Benefits

- Experience American culture and society firsthand while sharing Chinese language and culture;
- Learn about U.S. teaching methodologies and improve your English language skills through professional development workshops;
- J-1 visa support;
- A pre-departure orientation in China;
- Round-trip travel from China to and within the U.S.;
- A nine-day welcome orientation in Washington, DC;
- An approximate 10.5-month teaching assignment in a U.S. school;
- Accident and sickness health benefits plan during the program;
- Assistance with finding housing, generally arranged by the U.S. host school/educational community; and
- Maintenance allowance of approximately $30,000 comprised of a $20,000 stipend and an area housing allowance based on average

Eligibility

TCLP is merit-based and open to anyone who:

- Is a citizen of China and currently resides in China;
- Is currently a full time teacher of English or Chinese as a Foreign Language in a primary or secondary (K-12) school in China;
- At the time of application, has at least four years of classroom teaching experience;
- Has a firm understanding of Mandarin Chinese;
- Has at least a bachelor’s degree;
- Is proficient in written and spoken English; and
- Demonstrates a commitment to continue teaching after the completion of the program.

Apply

All TCLP candidates must complete a two-part application process:

1. Submit an application for the Confucius Institute Headquarters (Hanban) in China: [http://kzyshizi.hanban.org/](http://kzyshizi.hanban.org/)
   **Deadline:** Please contact your provincial education department or email whui@americancouncils.org. Hanban application deadline will be earlier than the TCLP deadline.

2. Submit an application to American Councils: [http://tclprogram.org/chinese-application](http://tclprogram.org/chinese-application)
   **Deadline:** January 12, 2018

**IMPORTANT:** Candidates who do not submit both applications will not be eligible for TCLP.

Contact

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