

CHINESE EXCHANGE TEACHER APPLICATION –

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Teachers of Critical Languages Program (TCLP) is sponsored by the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), and implemented by American Councils for International Education. TCLP seeks to increase the study and acquisition of Arabic and Mandarin in U.S. schools. Each year, visiting teachers provide instruction to hundreds of primary and secondary students and serve as cultural resources in the host school and community. As part of the exchange, the visiting teachers learn more about U.S. teaching methodologies, culture, and society, and improve their English language proficiency. For more information about the program, please see the official program website at www.tclp.org.

PROGRAM ORGANIZATIONS

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of The U.S. Department of State

The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) of the U.S. Department of State fosters mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries to promote friendly, and peaceful relations, as mandated by the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961.

ECA accomplishes its mission through a range of programs based on the benefits of mutual understanding, international educational and cultural exchange, and leadership development. ECA engages youth, students, educators, artists, athletes, and rising leaders in many fields in the United States and more than 160 countries through academic, cultural, sports, and professional exchanges. Striving to reflect the diversity of the United States and global society, ECA programs, funding, and other activities encourage the involvement of American and international participants from traditionally underrepresented groups, including women, racial and ethnic minorities, and people with disabilities.

ECA exchange program alumni encompass over one million people around the world, including more than 75 Nobel Laureates and nearly 450 current and former heads of state and government.

American Councils for International Education

American Councils for International Education is a premier, international nonprofit creating educational opportunities that prepare individuals and institutions to succeed in an increasingly interconnected and rapidly changing world. Through academic exchanges, overseas language immersion, data-focused research, and educational development programs, American Councils designs and implements innovative programs that broaden individual perspectives, increase knowledge, and deepen understanding. A leader in international education, academic exchange, language acquisition and assessment, and research, American Councils is helping to build a world of globally competent citizens, successful institutions, and responsible nations.

Eligibility Criteria

Candidates will be considered without respect to race, color, religion, sexual orientation, or gender. Competition for the TCLP is merit-based and open to anyone who:

- Is a citizen of China who currently resides in China;

- Is currently a full-time teacher of English as a Foreign Language 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;
- Is prepared to teach for the entire U.S. academic year with leave time limited to school breaks;
- Has a firm understanding of Mandarin;
- Has at least a bachelor's degree;
- Demonstrates a commitment to continue teaching after completion of the program;
- Is proficient in written and spoken English; and
- Has submitted a complete application package (please see Application Checklist).

Individuals in the following circumstances are NOT eligible for the TCLP:

- U.S. citizens and permanent residents of the United States, or their spouses;
- Individuals currently participating in academic, training, or research programs in the United States;
- Individuals who have applied for U.S. permanent residency in the past three years;
- Individuals currently studying, residing, or working outside of China;
- Ministry of Education officials, full-time principals or educational administrators, full-time teacher trainers, education consultants, university faculty, private English Language tutors; and
- Individuals who have participated in an exchange visitor program sponsored by the U.S. government for a period of more than six weeks in the last five years.

Applications not meeting the above technical eligibility requirements will not be forwarded to the selection committee.

Program Provisions

TCLP is funded through the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), U.S. Department of State and provides:

- J-1 visa support;
- A pre-departure orientation held in the participant's home country;
- Round-trip travel from each participant's home country to and within the U.S.;
- A nine-day welcome orientation in Washington, DC;
- A teaching assignment of approximately 10.5-months in a U.S. host school;
- Professional development workshops;
- Accident and sickness health benefit plan;
- Assistance with finding housing, generally arranged by the U.S. host school/educational community;
- Living stipend of approximately \$20,000; and
- Housing in the form of a monthly housing allowance for the duration of the program, calculated based on average housing prices for the assigned host community.

Program Timeline

- **Application deadline: January 10, 2022, 5:00 PM China Time**
- Notification of program semi-finalists: Late February 2022
- Semi-finalist interviews in Beijing: Mid-March 2022
- Notification of program finalists: April 2022
- Pre-departure orientation in Beijing: June 2022
- Exchange program in the United States: August 2022-June 2023

Families may visit TCLP teachers during the academic program. However, the program is unable to offer financial support for family members of participants to come to the U.S. For those participants who decide to bring their family, the families can join them only after December 20, 2022.

Exchange teachers may not extend their program in the United States and are required to return to China after their program concludes in June 2023. Exchange teachers are also subject to the home residency requirement which obligates J-1 Exchange Program teachers to return to their home country and reside there for two years following completion of their program.

SELECTION PROCESS

Selection Process

The U.S. Department of State and American Councils will convene an independent panel that will review the applications based on the following:

- Professional and educational experience and achievements;
- Demonstrated leadership potential;
- Preparedness (including maturity, flexibility, and ability to function independently) for an intensive academic year in the U.S.;
- Ability to express ideas clearly and effectively;
- Demonstrated commitment to current pedagogy and willingness to adapt methodology;
- Willingness to co-teach in the U.S. classroom; and
- Potential for developing long-term linkages between U.S. and Chinese educational institutions and schools.

Applicants who have had few or no opportunities to travel to the U.S. will be given priority.

Application Guidelines

- The TCLP application deadline is **January 10, 2022, 5:00 PM China Time**;
- To be considered for the program, please submit a complete application package online (please see Application Checklist for application package requirements);
- Incomplete application packages or packages submitted by fax or e-mail will not be accepted;
- Unless otherwise noted, please answer all questions in English;
- If a question does not apply to you, please enter N/A (not applicable);
- There is a limit of attachments per applicable question; if more than the requested amount is submitted, the application may be disqualified;
- Additional materials (such as student work or hand-outs) should NOT be included in the package; and
- Materials that require technical equipment (such as audio or videotapes) will not be reviewed by the selection committee.
- This program is implemented in coordination with the Center for Language Education and Cooperation (CLEC) in China. All applicants to TCLP must also complete an application to the Government-sponsored Teacher Program and submit it to CLEC. The application is available online here: www.clecteacher.chinese.cn You may complete this application simultaneously with your TCLP application or after you submit your TCLP application. Applicants who do not complete an application to CLEC in addition to their TCLP application will be ineligible to participate in the program.

Guidelines on Recommendation Form

All applicants must include:

- One completed recommendation form from a person who is the applicant's supervisor and is familiar with his/her professional work; it cannot be written by a family member. Recommendations must be submitted with the application by the application deadline. Recommendations submitted separately or submitted after the deadline will not be accepted. Please send the recommendation request link to your recommender as soon as you start the application.
- Please provide an English translation of the recommendation letter if it is not written in English. The translated letter does not need to be certified or notarized but should be clearly marked as a translation. Recommendation writers must submit their comments online through the TCLP application system.

The application package, including professional recommendation, should be received by American Councils via online submission no later than **January 10, 2022, 5:00 PM China Time**. For questions please contact:

In China:

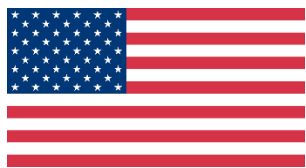
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中国交流教师申请

2022 – 2023 美国“关键语言 教师项目”



主办：美国国务院教育文化事务局

承办：美国国际教育委员会



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由美国国务院教育文化事务局主办

美国国际教育委员会承办，在中国与中外语言交流合作中心(语合中心)合作

项目概述

美国“关键语言教师项目”(TCLP)由美国国务院教育文化事务局主办，美国国际教育委员会承办。美国“关键语言教师项目”旨在美国学校中促进学习和掌握阿拉伯语和汉语。每年交流教师给数百名中小学生学习，为接待学校和社区提供文化资源。作为交流的一部分，交流教师会了解更多的美国教学法、美国文化和美国社会，提高英语水平。了解更多项目信息，敬请登录项目官方网站www.tclprogram.org。

项目机构

美国国务院教育文化事务局

美国国务院教育文化事务局(ECA)根据“1961年相互教育和文化交流法案”的授权，通过加强双边了解，促进发展美国和其它国家的友好与和平的关系。

美国国务院教育文化事务局举办了大量项目，促进双边了解、增强国际文化教育交流和提高领导力，成功完成自己的使命。ECA的项目吸引了美国和其他160多个国家的文化、教育、体育和专业交流领域内的青年、学生、教育者、艺术家、运动员和新起之秀参加。美国国务院教育文化事务局主办、资助的项目以及其他活动大力支持美国和国际社会传统意义上的少数人群代表，包括妇女、少数民族、残疾人积极参加，力求反映美国和国际社会的多样性。

美国国务院教育文化事务局的交流项目参与者在全世界已超过100万人，包括超过75个诺贝尔奖获得者和450多个现任或者前任的州长和政府高级官员。

美国国际教育委员会

美国国际教育委员会是一个领先的国际非营利组织，创造教育机会，帮助个人和机构为在日益互联和快速变化的世界获得成功做好准备。通过学术交流、在国外沉浸式语言学习、基于数据的研究和教育发展项目，美国国际教育委员会设计和实施创新项目，开拓个人视野、增加知识和加深理解。作为国际教育、学术交流、语言习得、评估和研究领域的领导者，美国国际教育委员会正在致力于帮助世界拥有具有全球能力的公民、成功的机构和负责任的国家。

申请人必备资格

申请人的选拔将不受种族、肤色、宗教、性取向或者性别的限制。美国“关键语言教师项目”的竞争是择优录取，面向任何符合以下资格的申请人：

- 目前在中国居住的中国公民；
- 目前在中国国内中小学全职担任英语教师或对外汉语教师；
- 在申请该项目时至少已有4年及以上的全职课堂教学的经历；
- 做好了充分的准备，可以在美国进行1学年完整的教学，休息时间仅限接待学校假期；
- 中文基础坚实；
- 具有学士及以上学位；
- 承诺在完成项目后继续从事教学工作；
- 具备英语书面和口头流畅表达的能力；
- 递交完整的申请材料(请参看在线申请系统要求的所有申请材料)。

任何具有以下情况的人员没有资格申请美国“关键语言教师项目”：

- 美国公民和美国永久居民或者他们的配偶；
- 目前在美国参加学术、培训或者研究项目的人员；
- 在过去3年中申请过美国永久居留权的人员；
- 目前在中国之外的其他国家学习、居住和工作的人员；
- 教育部官员、全职校长或教育行政管理人员、全职培训教师的培训师、教育顾问、大学教师和私人英语家教；
- 在过去5年中参加过6周以上由美国政府资助的交流访问项目的人员。

不符合上述必备资格要求的申请材料将不予递交给项目评审委员会审核。

项目相关待遇

美国“关键语言教师项目”由美国国务院教育文化事务局出资，为参加项目的交流教师提供：

- J-1签证；
- 在参加者所在国举办的出国前培训；
- 从参加者的居住国出发往返美国当地城市的国际、国内旅费；
- 在美国华盛顿举办的9天培训会；
- 在美国接待学校完成约10.5个月的教学任务；
- 职业发展培训工作坊；
- 意外事故和疾病保险；
- 帮助寻找在美住房，通常由接待学校或者教育社团安排；
- 约20,000美元的生活津贴；
- 项目期间每月提供住房津贴，住房津贴的标准基于分配的接待社区平均租房价格。

项目时间安排

- **申请截止时间：北京时间2022年1月10日下午5：00**
- 通知进入面试的申请人：2022年2月底
- 在北京面试：2022年3月中旬
- 通知项目最终入选人员：2022年4月
- 北京出国前培训：2022年6月
- 在美交流项目时间：2022年8月—2023年6月

交流教师在美国参加项目期间，家属可以探亲。但是项目不能为家属去美国探亲提供任何经济资助。决定带家属到美国探亲的项目教师，其家属只能在2022年12月20日以后赴美。

2023年6月本项目结束后，交流教师不能在美国延期本项目，必须按期回国。按照J-1签证要求交流项目人员回国并居住的规定，在本项目结束后，交流教师要服从返回中国并在国内居住两年的要求。

项目选拔程序

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美国国务院和美国国际教育委员会将召集独立的评审委员会依据以下标准评审申请者的申请：

- 教育和专业经历及成就；
- 所表现出的领导潜力；

- 准备充分（包括成熟性、灵活性以及独立能力），能够胜任在美国1学年的密集工作；
- 清楚及有效表达的能力；
- 承诺献身于当代教育学并愿意适应新的教学法；
- 愿意在美国课堂上与其他教师合作教学；
- 具有促进发展中美两国教育机构和学校长期联系的潜力。

优先考虑之前没有或很少有机会去过美国的申请人。

申请指南

- 美国“关键语言教师项目”申请的截止时间是**北京时间2022年1月10日下午5点**；
- 请在TCLP网站<https://tclp.org/apply-chinese-teachers> 提交完整的申请材料(请参看在线申请系统要求的所有申请材料)；
- 不完整的申请材料或者通过传真、电邮提交的申请材料将不予受理；
- 除非另有说明，请用英语回答所有问题；
- 如果某一问题不适用您，请填写N/A（不适用）；
- 每个相关的问题要求提交的附件数是有限额的，如果超过限额，申请材料有可能被认定不合格。
- 其它材料（如学生作业或教学展示资料）不应该包括在申请材料中；
- 需要技术设备展示的材料（如视听光盘），评审委员会将不予审核。
- 该项目在中国与中外语言交流合作中心（语合中心）合作。所有申请TCLP的申请人必须在线完成语合中心的公派教师申请表，按照语合中心和省教育厅/直辖市教委的规定按时通过省教育厅/直辖市教委向语合中心提交纸质材料。语合中心的纸质公派教师申请表必须由省教育厅/直辖市教委和所在学校盖章。语合中心在线申请表网址：www.clecteacher.chinese.cn。

提交TCLP申请的申请人，如果不提交语合中心的申请，该申请无效。

推荐表指南

所有申请者必须提供：

- 完整的推荐表，推荐人应该是申请人的领导，熟悉申请人的业务工作，推荐人不能是申请人的亲属。推荐表应在截止日期之前在TCLP在线申请系统上提交，在截止日期后提交的推荐表将不予接受。申请人在开始填写在线申请后，应尽快通过在线申请系统给推荐人发推荐表链接。
- 如果提交中文的推荐表，推荐人必须同时上传推荐表的英文翻译。翻译的推荐表不需要做公证或者认证，但应标明是推荐表的翻译件。推荐人必须通过TCLP在线申请系统提交推荐表。

包括推荐表的整套申请材料必须在**北京时间2022年1月10日下午5点之前**在美国国际教育委员会的在线申请系统提交。如有问题，敬请联系：

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