



## WHAT IS AN ASSISTANT?

Your role will be to improve your students' confidence in spoken English through interactive and recreational activities. Students will also expect you to introduce them to Canadian culture. You will have to plan varied activities and games, using every day, real-life documents from Canada.

### ALEXANDRA, POITIERS



"I was living independently. I had my own bank account, my own apartment, a job... and I really ended the year feeling like I've embraced a multicultural sense of myself; I feel fully comfortable in both American and French spaces."

## WHO CAN APPLY?

- **CITIZENSHIP:** Candidates must be Canadian citizens residing in Canada at the time of application
- **AGE:** Candidates must be between 20 and 35 years old on the start date of the program.
- **EDUCATION:** having completed at least two years of university studies
- **BACKGROUND:** Candidates must have completed the majority of their secondary and university studies in Canada
- **LANGUAGE SKILLS:** Proficiency in French is required (minimum B1 level on Common European Framework of Reference for Languages). French majors and minors are encouraged to apply.
- **OTHER:** The selection process favors applicants who have prior experience teaching or working with children, teenagers, and/or adults. This is not required, but all applicants should demonstrate at least an interest in education.
- Not having a criminal record.

## HOW TO APPLY?

Visit Canada-USA TAPIF online platform:

[www.tapif.org](http://www.tapif.org)

## PROGRAM TIMELINE

- **October to February 15<sup>th</sup>:** Application available online
- **In March up to the beginning of April:** Applications are processed and reviewed by the French Embassy and the CIEP
- **In April:** Official notifications, positive or negative, are sent to the applicants by email
- **Between June and August:** French educational authorities send the official contract (entitled "arrêté de nomination")
- **Between June and September:** Visa procedure
- **October 1<sup>st</sup>:** Contract starts
- **April 30<sup>th</sup>:** Contract ends

## MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

[highereducation.francecanadaculture.org/en/teach-in-france](http://highereducation.francecanadaculture.org/en/teach-in-france)



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## SCHOOL DISTRICTS



### KENDRA, LIMOGES



"I first served as an assistant immediately after completing my bachelor's degree, and was placed in the often-overlooked Limousin region. There, I formed close relationships with the other language assistants, as well as with my students and teachers. I still keep in contact with many of them today! I enjoyed my experience so much that I decided to do the program a 2<sup>nd</sup> time, and am currently working in Paris."



## POSTING

All contracts start October 1<sup>st</sup>, and end April 30<sup>th</sup> every year.

French schools are located in 30 different administrative regions called *académies* (school board district). On your application form, you will be able to choose up to 3 *académies*. You may be posted anywhere within the whole *académie*.

You will also be able to choose between primary and secondary school.

## SALARY

The net monthly salary of a teaching assistant is approximately 800 € per month (12 hrs/week). This salary provides enough money to live in the lifestyle of a typical French student. Assistants are responsible for their own travel expenses. Personal funds are recommended for the initial period of contract.



# Teaching Assistant Program IN FRANCE

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The French Ministry of National Education is offering over 200 English assistant positions in France!

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GAIN A VALUABLE TEACHING EXPERIENCE

