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teach what you love

APPLY TO BE A STUDENT TEACHER

SUMMER 2017

inspire youth in Hong Kong



ABOUT US

Founded in 1992, Summerbridge Hong Kong (“Summerbridge”) is a non-profit organization, which improves the educational trajectories of socioeconomically underprivileged students in Hong Kong (aged 13-15), by providing them with tuition-free, quality English language education and personal development opportunities. For our student teachers (aged 16-22), we aim to foster cross-cultural exchange and a sense of civic duty.

Students Teaching Students

Our program immerses students in a challenging and fun all-English learning environment, almost entirely run by an international group of young people from high schools and universities in countries such as the US, UK, Canada, and Hong Kong. Our "students teaching students" model gives older students the opportunity to teach, administer programs, and become role models to younger students.

Impact

Within this supportive educational environment, students are encouraged to be creative, voice their opinions, take risks, develop their individual interests, and improve their English language skills - through a culture where making mistakes is acceptable. Students develop lasting academic and life skills needed to better their chances of succeeding through high school, university, and life.

Goals

FOR STUDENT TEACHERS

- Train and inspire young people committed to education and community service
- Offer cross-cultural exchange

FOR STUDENTS

- Develop academic study skills
- Improve English communication skills
- Raise self-confidence and interpersonal skills
- Foster love of learning and leadership abilities



BEING A STUDENT TEACHER



You will experience:

TEACHER
TRAINING

CREATING
YOUR OWN
CURRICULUM

TEACHING

EVENT
PLANNING

DIVERSITY

Many Summerbridge student teachers count their experience as one of the most rewarding opportunities of giving back to the community! Located at sites around Hong Kong, Summerbridge runs an intensive 7-week summer program that involves 300 students and 120 student teachers each summer. Student teachers bring their passion, talents, and interests to collectively create a community that celebrates academic achievement, creativity, individuality, and risk taking.

During the summer, student teachers participate in intensive teaching workshops, create lesson plans, and learn how to evaluate student performance, all before teaching a subject of their choice to classes of 8 to 10 students. Within this diverse and challenging work environment, student teachers also plan special events geared toward helping students develop life skills (e.g. teamwork, confidence, and leadership skills)

Our Teachers:

- **16 - 22 years old**
(students in university/high school)
- **From around the world**
(e.g. US, UK, Canada, Hong Kong)
- **Creative, fun, passionate**

Our Students:

- **13 - 15 years old**
(students in local Hong Kong high schools)
- **From disadvantaged backgrounds**
- **Highly motivated to learn**

HOW TO APPLY

(no teaching experience required)

Download a Student Teacher application form from our website.

WWW.SUMMERBRIDGE.ORG.HK

DEADLINES

Hong Kong Citizens
Extended: **March 20, 2017**

Non-HK Citizens
Extended: **March 4, 2017**

2017 SUMMER PROGRAM DATES

June 17: Staff Introduction Day
June 23 - July 4: Teacher Orientation
July 5 - August 4: Classes in session
August 7 -11: Evaluation Week

TIME CONFLICT?

If there is a conflict with your school's schedule, please email us and we can discuss further.

TIME COMMITMENT

Monday - Friday, occasional work on weekends and public holidays, 50 hours/week

STUDENT TEACHER TESTIMONIALS



"I've been so lucky to meet colleagues from all over the world and studying in all different fields that each bring their own unique perspective and flare to their classes! The bonds made at Summerbridge are anything but superficial or temporary. Summerbridge allows students and teachers to openly share about their lives and dreams. Summerbridge has allowed students to know that learning can be fun, which is something they may not have the opportunity to find out otherwise. This program has allowed me and other students to learn more about ourselves and step out of our comfort zones while feeling supported. I have taught, I have grown, I have laughed and I have loved. I couldn't be prouder or happier to be part of the Summerbridge community!"

Valerie Lam
Hong Kong International School



"My experience at Summerbridge has shaped me in ways that will carry on forever. The opportunity to shape a classroom according to your own vision makes for a meaningful summer. Seeing the students' transformation from the start of the summer to the close and the culmination of progress made is stunning."

Max Dunn
University of Edinburgh



"*Bravery* means students sharing their dreams in front of hundreds of people in a foreign language (English). Every day, I saw my students' love of learning and confidence grow. Class time was no longer just class time; it became a space where curiosity skyrocketed."

Jennifer Li
Vanderbilt University

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