

TO: Applicants to COST Program

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I am very pleased the Consortium for Overseas Student Teaching (COST) can provide opportunities for student teachers to teach and learn in schools outside the United States, and I am pleased that students like you are interested in participating in the program. I look forward to reading your application and assisting with your placement. Although I will be coordinating the placement process generally, direct all questions about your application to the COST Coordinator at your home University.

Carefully read and adhere to the following guidelines. Incomplete applications will not be processed. Specific formatting directions are below.

- ◆ Submit your application as an Email attachment to your home institution's COST coordinator. You will submit one email with TWO attachments: one attachment is the completed application; the other with your placement request form and final checklist.
- ◆ Submit a \$100 application fee, in the form of a Cashier's Check or Money Order, payable to the Consortium for Overseas Student Teaching (COST). The Check/Money Order goes to your COST coordinator.
- ◆ The application fee is nonrefundable *unless* COST cannot make a placement.
- ◆ Personal checks are not accepted.
- ◆ Save the Application as one PDF file (no larger than 1 MB). You will have to scan some items prior to conversion to a PDF.
- ◆ Merge all of the following (#1 - 10) into one PDF.
 - All PDF files should follow this naming/labeling convention:
 - First initial last name (dot) Home Institution (dot) document name
 - Ex: JAnderson.EIU.essay1 JAnderson.EIU.housingpreference

Incomplete applications will not be processed. Be sure to include all of the following:

1. Current photo of COST applicant (no larger than 4 x 6 inches or 640 x 480 pixels) Photo must not include any other individuals.
2. Consortium for Overseas Student Teaching (COST) Application for Student Teaching Abroad
3. Housing Accommodation Preference Form
4. Essay I
5. Essay II

6. Statement of Responsibility and Approval Form (with signatures - must be scanned)
7. Verification of Professional Liability and Medical Insurance (with signatures - must be scanned)
8. University Transcript (scanned)
9. Copy of the COST Applicant's VALID passport (opened to page with photo, personal information and expiration date - scanned)
10. Three letters of recommendation, one from each of the following:
 - 1) A classroom teacher with whom you have completed a field/clinical placement
 - 2) A University faculty member (preferably an Education faculty member); and
 - 3) A personal reference, such as a clergy or former employer.

Letters must include the following:

- Length of time the reference has known the applicant;
- In what capacity the reference has known the applicant; and
- The applicant's strengths and weaknesses, intellectual ability, achievement motivation, ability to work with others, and relevant accomplishments.

The second email attachment must include the following, also in PDF format:

1. COST Placement Site Request Form
2. COST Application Checklist, including verification of a Federal (FBI) Criminal Background check.

Make sure you discuss your application requirements with your home COST coordinator. We look forward to working with you and assisting you in becoming a *World Class Teacher*.

COST Placement Sites+

Australia

(All placements in Australia require a class 442 student teaching visa and require the host institution to be named. Host institution must complete the 913 to be submitted to immigration, who then gives a letter of approval for the student to be issued a Visa. This approval letter is then sent with the student's visa application to the Australian Embassy.) Unless noted otherwise, placements in Australia are available from early February - mid April; late April - late June; mid July - mid September; and early October - mid December.

Brisbane

Teaching areas: Primary, Secondary, Special Education, Early Childhood, Technology Ed
Additional fees: \$100 (US) Griffith Univ Administrative Fee
Housing: Dormitory, host family, apartments, etc (refer to Griffith University accommodation Services)

Darwin

Teaching areas: Elementary and Secondary
Housing: Dormitory or host family

Geelong

Teaching Areas: Elementary & Secondary
Housing: Host families (cost is approximately \$52 (US) a week)*

Melbourne

Teaching areas: Elementary, Secondary, and Physical Ed
Additional Fees: Additional \$300 supervisory fee
Housing: Host families

Perth

Teaching Areas: Elementary and Special Education
Housing: Host families

Tasmania

Teaching areas: Elementary, Secondary, and Special Ed (Grades 1-5)
Housing: Host family and other room/board options

Bahamas

New Providence

Teaching Areas: All Elementary, Secondary, Special Ed
Housing: Host families, apartments, guests houses

Belgium

Leuven

Teaching Areas: Secondary
Housing: Variable

Canada

Teaching Areas: Kelowna, British Columbia
Elementary and Secondary
Housing: Variable

Costa Rica

Teaching Areas: San Jose
All
Housing: Rent a room or with a teacher for a small fee.

Ecuador

Teaching Areas: Quito
All
Housing: Host Family

England

Teaching Areas: Birmingham
Elementary and Select Secondary areas (Math, Drama, &
Music only)
Housing: Residence Halls and some host families

Teaching Areas: London
Elementary and Secondary
Housing: Hostels

Teaching Areas: Manchester
Elementary and Middle School
Housing: Hostels and Host families

Teaching areas: West Sussex
Elementary, Secondary, Special Ed (Severe & Profound), and
Physical Ed.
Additional fees: Supervision fees of £500 for all placements^
Housing: Residence Halls and some host families

Germany

Teaching areas: Cologne
Secondary (Social Studies, English/Language Arts/ French,
German, Art)
Housing: International dorm

Teaching areas: Oberursel
Elementary, Middle, Secondary, Music, PE, Art
Housing: Host families. There are also small apartments reasonably
priced close by.

Greece

Thessaloniki

Teaching areas: Elementary and Secondary
Housing: Apartments (\$350-\$450 month*) and Host families

Hong Kong

Tai Po

Teaching areas: Elementary and Secondary
Housing: Dormitories

Ireland

Cork and Dublin

Teaching areas: All areas
Housing: Traditionally bed & breakfast; however, other options may be available
Additional Information: Placements can be coordinated through various regions and connections in Ireland.

Limerick

Teaching areas: Elementary, some Special Education
Desired placement dates: January - May only
Housing: Dormitories, host families, and apartments

Japan

Kobe

Teaching areas: Elementary, Secondary, PE and Early Childhood
Housing: Dormitory

Mexico

Guadalajara

Teaching areas: Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle School, Secondary, P.E. & Special Education
Housing: Host families

Merida, Yucatan

Teaching areas: Elementary, Secondary, and Physical Ed., Art
Housing: Host families and apartments

Mexico City

Teaching areas: Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle School, High School - all areas
Housing: Host families (\$400 a month*) or boarding house with meals (\$400 month*)

Queretaro

Teaching areas: All subjects (Kindergarten - 10th Grade)

Housing: Host families and apartments

New Zealand

(Placements in New Zealand require a working visa. Students should list the Overseas Coordinator as a contact person on their visa application.) Unless noted otherwise, placements in New Zealand are available from late January/early February - mid April; late April - late June; mid July - mid September; and early October - mid December. Most sites prefer 10-week placements. Placements are not available from mid December to late January.

Auckland

Teaching areas: Elem, Elem Music, and Special Education (mild/moderate)
Housing: Host families

Christchurch

Teaching areas: Elementary - ages 5 - 13
Housing: Host families

Scotland

Dundee

Teaching areas: Elementary and Secondary
Desired Placement Dates: September - November only
Housing: Host families

South Africa

COST students placed in South Africa must complete visa application (BI-84) (<http://www.saembassy.org/usaembassy/consularservices/visapps.pdf>) The receiving institution in South Africa must send a signed letter of invitation to the COST student teacher (emails are not accepted). The letter of invitation must be included in the student's visa application packet.

Cape Town

Teaching areas: Elementary, Middle, and Secondary
Housing: Apartments, host families

Port Elizabeth

Teaching areas: Elementary, Middle, and Secondary
Housing: Apartments and Host families (\$500 per month*)

Switzerland

Geneva

Teaching areas: Secondary ONLY
Housing: John Knox Centre / Chemin des Cr
John Knox Centre is approximately 35 minutes from the International School of Geneva (10 minute walk and 20-25 minute bus ride). Accommodations range from \$525 - \$1000* per month.

Thailand

Bangkok

Teaching areas: Elementary, Middle, Secondary, PE, Special Ed, Art, Music and Counseling

Housing: Apartments and Host families

+Availability of sites is not guaranteed. A site may be discontinued, or additional sites Available.

*All prices subject to change

^Check exchange rate for cost to you