THE “FULBRIGHT EXPERIENCE”

The primary focus of the ETA Program is teaching. ETAs are committed to teach 20 hours per week but typically spend 30-40 total hours at school during the week. ETAs have full responsibility for developing lesson plans and teaching conversational English to their classes.

A well-rounded Fulbright experience is also an important aspect of the program. During the grant period, ETAs are encouraged to engage in Korean culture as much as possible. Most ETAs pursue interests beyond the classroom, including travel, traditional Korean arts and music, volunteering, and martial arts. The homestay requirement provides a unique opportunity for ETAs to absorb Korean culture on a daily basis. ETAs are encouraged to write about their experiences for publication in Fulbright and other English language publications.

An orientation program is held for the first six weeks of each grant period. During this time, ETAs are engaged in intensive language study, training in EFL techniques, and cultural orientation. ETAs are encouraged to use this period to create a peer support network.

Application and Contact

Eligibility: We are seeking articulate, well-rounded graduating seniors or recent graduates, American, unmarried, without dependents and under 30 years of age. Must be willing to accept the cultural challenge of living and teaching in Korea.

Applications: Available online at the Institute of International Education (IIE) website. Contact your school's Fulbright Program Advisor or IIE directly. The annual deadline for applications is in late October. Campus deadlines are usually in September. Visit these websites for more information.

Fulbright Korea Website: www.fulbright.or.kr
IIE website: www.fulbrightonline.org/us

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- J. William Fulbright
**ENGLISH TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP: SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

Open to all American graduating seniors and recent college graduates

No Korean language skills necessary

No prior teaching experience necessary

This Fulbright English Assistantship Program places young Americans in Korean secondary schools outside of Seoul as English conversation teachers. Notwithstanding the title of English Teaching Assistant (ETA) most ETAs develop their own lesson plans and teach as the primary instructor in their respective classes. This program commences in July and is for 12-13 months.

The ETA Fulbright Fellowship is unique: It is one of only a few Fulbright grants open to students with no prior knowledge of the host country. No teaching or language credentials are required. However, ETAs will go through an intense year of cultural immersion in their schools and homestays. A great deal of enthusiasm and understanding is required of grantees. While the individual experiences of ETAs differ considerably, all have found that their experiences were a rewarding, unforgettable, life-changing challenge.

**BACKGROUND AND GOALS**

The ETA Program began with eight grantees in 1992 and now brings up to 80 Americans to Korea each year. The Fulbright Korean-American Educational Commission, the Korean Ministry of Education, and the U.S. Institute of International Education (IIE) sponsor and administer the program.

The ETA Program in Korea strives to:

Provide American college graduates with a cultural immersion experience in Korea.

Give Korean primary and secondary students exposure to a native speaker of English and to American culture.

Allow ETAs to evaluate career objectives.

**ENGLISH TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP: ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

Open to all American graduating seniors and recent college graduates

No Korean language skills necessary

Preference given to Education majors with backgrounds in Early Childhood Education, especially those with Masters Degrees

This Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Program places young Americans as English conversation teachers in Korean elementary schools outside of Seoul. It began in 2005 with 10 Elementary ETAs. This program is the first of its kind amongst Fulbright programs worldwide and unique in Korea, as very few native speakers of English teach at the elementary level. As a result, this ETA program is breaking new grounds in English education throughout Korea.

The Elementary ETA Program is open to those with no prior knowledge of the country. Applicants should have a strong desire to work with elementary age students. This program commences in July and is for 12-13 months.