

## **Job Posting: 200 positions of English Teaching Assistants in France for the 2018-2019 academic year**

*Date of posting: October 16, 2017 to March 18, 2018*

*Recruiter: Embassy of France in Canada (SCAC)*

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*Employer: French government, the Ministry of Education in France*

### **Program Overview**

The Teaching Assistant Program in France (TAPIF) is a joint initiative of the French Ministry of Education, the Centre international d'études pédagogiques (CIEP) and the Cultural Services of the French Embassy in Canada. The program's goal is to strengthen English-language instruction in French schools by establishing a native speaker presence, while also providing Canadian Francophiles with excellent teaching experience and first-hand knowledge of French language and culture.

### **Job Duties (part time 12 hours /week)**

Assistants teach 12 hours per week in up to 3 schools (close location to one another). Classes are conducted in English. Teaching assistants conduct all or part of a class, typically leading conversations in English.

Duties include serving as a resource person in conversation groups, providing small group tutorials, and giving talks related to American studies. Assignments vary depending on the school's needs and the assistant's abilities.

Contracts are available at the elementary or secondary school level.

- Elementary School – Children aged 8-11 years old. Assistant leads oral activities with small groups, or works alongside the teacher with the entire class present. Good level of French required.
- Secondary School – Students aged 11-18 years old. Assistant serves as a resource person in conversation groups, provides small group tutorials, facilitates English-language clubs, or works alongside the teacher with the entire class present. Proficient level of French required.

### **Contract Length**

All teaching contracts last 7 months, from October 1st through April 30th. Short-term contracts, summer contracts, and alternative start dates are NOT available.

### **Stipend**

€ 965 per month GROSS, € 794 per month NET (about 1200\$ CAD)

Due to the higher cost of living in the overseas departments, assistants in French Guiana, Guadeloupe, Martinique and Réunion receive an additional salary allowance of 30% to 35%. The stipend provides enough money to live the lifestyle of a typical French student in most regions of France (but NOT Paris due to the very high cost of living in the capital region).

No additional support is provided for travel to France or for dependents. Personal funds are needed for the initial period of the contract.

### **Location**

TAPIF offers positions in all regions of metropolitan France and in the overseas departments of French Guiana, Guadeloupe, Martinique, and Réunion. Applicants may indicate up to three regions of preference on their application. Accepted applicants receive placement in a specific French Académie (school district) at the time of acceptance notification in April.

### **Applicant requirements**

**CITIZENSHIP:** Candidates must be Canadian citizens residing in Canada or permanent resident of Canada at the time of application.

**AGE:** Candidates must be between 20 and 35 years old on the start date of the program. The grant's age limit is strict and we cannot make exceptions. We do not offer any similar programs for people not meeting the TAPIF eligibility requirements.

**EDUCATION:** be enrolled in university, having completed at least two years of university studies (by June 2017). If you are not currently enrolled in university, but have recently (within the two last years) graduated or stopped your studies you can apply if you have previous experience in teaching or a degree in education.

**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. Language skills are essential to facilitating work in the classroom and integrating into a new community. A letters of recommendation attesting to the applicant's French skills, attitude and work ethic are required (Teacher appraisal).

**OTHER:** The selection process favors applicants who have prior experience teaching or working with children, adolescents, and/or adults. This is not required, but all applicants should demonstrate at least an interest in education.

Candidates must possess the skills to promote cultural understanding between France and Canada. Previous experience living, working and/or traveling abroad is helpful in demonstrating this ability and an appreciation of other cultures.

***\*\*Not having a criminal record***

Attention: You will have to provide proof of a clean criminal record to French Embassy (between April and May) in order to secure your position as a teaching assistant if you are hired.

You must be available to start the contract on October 1st. It is not negotiable. If you are not available to start on October 1st, we will reject your candidature as an English assistant.

**Application**

The application for the program is available each October through this website: [www.tapif.org](http://www.tapif.org)

Applicants are notified of selection in early April. Acceptance e-mails specify the Académie (school district) to which the applicant is assigned. All placements are final. If accepted, awards cannot be deferred to the following academic year. It is not possible to change your académie once you are posted.

The application for the 2018-2019 school year is available on the online platform: <https://www.tapif.org>. Please select Canada when creating your account in order to apply for the Canadian program (for Canadian citizens or permanent residents only).

The initial deadline to apply was February 18, 2018.

**IMPORTANT: deadline extended to March 18, 2018.**

**Information**

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