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teach what you love

APPLY TO BE A STUDENT TEACHER

SUMMER 2021

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 English immersion learning environment, and is run almost entirely by an international group of young people from high schools and universities from around the world, including places like 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 that better their chances of succeeding in 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**

**DESIGNING
YOUR OWN
CURRICULUM**

TEACHING

**EVENT
PLANNING**

DIVERSITY

Many Summerbridge student teachers count the summer as one of their most rewarding experiences of giving back to the community. Located at sites around Hong Kong, Summerbridge runs an intensive 8-week summer program that involves 300 students and 100 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.

Prior to teaching, student teachers participate in teaching workshops, create lesson plans, and learn to evaluate student performance. This prepares student teachers to teach a subject of their choice to classes of 8 to 10 students during the summer. Through classes and other special events planned by student teachers, students develop life skills like teamwork, confidence, and leadership. The work environment is diverse, challenging, and exciting.

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 Residents
February 26, 2021

Non-HK Residents
February 19, 2021

2021 SUMMER PROGRAM DATES

June 19: Staff Introduction Day
June 25 - July 6: Teacher Orientation
July 7 - August 8: Classes in session
August 9 - 13: Evaluation Week

TIME CONFLICT?

If there is a conflict with your school schedule, please email us for more information.

TIME COMMITMENT

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

STUDENT TEACHER TESTIMONIALS



"Education is more than just how many A+'s your students get on their report cards. Education is about the million moments in between, the ones that remain with you and your students. Growing up, classrooms like the ones we have at Summerbridge only existed in my dreams, and I know this is true for a lot of my students. I will continue to work hard to give students the classroom that they are often denied, but a thousand percent deserve."

Tolulope Olasewere, Harvard University



"As a former Summerbridge student and teacher, Summerbridge equipped me with the skills, knowledge, and spirit necessary for me to achieve my dream. I have learned and grown so much over the past few years to be able to teach in a room where I once sat as a student, and I continue to come back year after year because I want to create the same environment I once had when I was a student."

William Lun, Hong Kong Baptist University



"My favorite teacher in high school taught a subject that I really disliked. But everyday, if I needed help, she would always stay behind to help me, and seeing her work so hard for her students made me want to pass on her spirit. The Summerbridge classroom fundamentally fosters a friendly environment where the teachers take the students on a journey of growing and learning. We build mentor-student relationships, and that's what is so unique about Summerbridge."

Julia Quon, University of California, San Diego



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