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teach what you love

APPLY TO BE A **STUDENT TEACHER**

SUMMER 2026

inspire youth in Hong Kong



ABOUT US

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

Students Teaching Students

Our *students teaching students* model gives older students the opportunity to teach, administer programs, and become role models to younger students. Summerbridge is run almost entirely by a diverse group of young people from high schools and universities from around the world, including places like the US, UK, Canada, and Hong Kong. For our younger students, they get the unique chance to learn from talented young people in a safe and supportive English-immersion environment.

Goals

FOR STUDENT TEACHERS

- Inspire young people to give back to their communities
- Promote cultural awareness through diversity
- Develop leadership skills
- Foster a love of teaching

FOR STUDENTS

- Improve English communication skills
- Raise self-confidence and interpersonal skills
- Foster a love of learning and leadership abilities
- Enhance study skills and provide academic support



BEING A STUDENT TEACHER



TEACHER
TRAINING

WORKING
WITH LOCAL
STUDENTS

TEACHING

EVENT
ORGANIZATION

DIVERSITY

Many Summerbridge student teachers describe the summer as an extraordinary community service experience that is both challenging and deeply fulfilling. The Summer Program is 8 weeks in length and offers you a unique opportunity to experience being an educator alongside a group of diverse and talented peers.

Prior to teaching, student teachers participate in teaching workshops, design their own curriculums, and learn about student backgrounds. Teaching a subject of their choice, student teachers work with classes of 8 to 10 students during the summer. In addition, student teachers work in teams to plan and implement sports, electives, and special events that provide students with even more opportunities to grow and learn.

Why It Matters

We believe that all young people, regardless of socioeconomic status, deserve an opportunity to learn and grow in a community where human connection, compassion and creativity are celebrated. Summerbridge provides this space, where students can feel accepted and empowered, and can find their own voice and strengths. It is also a safe environment, in which mistakes are embraced as opportunities. The key to creating this environment is the dedication of our teachers, who bring together their diverse cultures and passions to make a positive impact and inspire students to believe that their dreams are possible.

2026 SUMMER PROGRAM

PROGRAM DATES:

June 13: Staff Introduction Day
June 15 – Jun 18: Curriculum Planning
June 19 - June 29: Teacher Orientation
June 30 - August 2: Classes in session
August 3 - August 7: Evaluation Week

TIME COMMITMENT

Monday - Friday, occasional work on weekends and public holidays, 40 hours/week

TIME CONFLICT?

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

HOW TO APPLY

(no teaching experience required)

Download a Student Teacher application form from our website

 [SUMMERBRIDGE.ORG.HK](https://summerbridge.org.hk)

DEADLINES

Non-HK Residents - February 27, 2026

Hong Kong Residents - March 13, 2026

*Deadlines vary due to time needed to obtain a visa

STUDENT TEACHER TESTIMONIALS



Becoming a teacher has always been a thought in my mind, but when I applied for SB it was just reemerging after a long period of dormancy during which I made a foray into the corporate world interning in private equity and software sales. Those jobs felt like what I was “supposed” to be doing, but they didn’t feel purposeful. I decided to apply to teaching opportunities because I knew it would bring me the purpose I sought; my teachers have served the most important roles in my life. They’ve taught me to think critically, lead with empathy, given me the confidence to take risks academically and professionally, but most importantly they created spaces where I could be myself fully at times when that wasn’t even possible at home. Summerbridge creates this exact kind of space not just for its students, but for its teachers as well. Everyone in this family gives each other unconditional love, support, respect, and a place where one’s unique self is not just accepted but celebrated. Whether you are a prospective student or teacher, I promise Summerbridge will be a deeply transformative experience.

Alekos Kapur, University of California, Los Angeles

“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



“Having spent four summers with Summerbridge, I have seen students grow immensely in not just their English abilities, but also in their confidence, extroversion, and empathy. I have also seen the same personal growth in myself, with the program allowing me to work with a diverse range of people and placing me in roles that have pushed me out of my shell. Moreover, I am grateful for the program as it helped uncover my own passions for teaching and working with youth”

Justin Cheong, current French International School teacher



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