



AMITY INSTITUTE

ABOUT US



A NON-PROFIT EXCHANGE PROGRAM FOUNDED IN 1962

Amity Institute is a non-profit organization with over 57 years of experience facilitating cultural exchange. In 1962, Dr. Ernest and Emily Stowell of Eau Claire, Wisconsin founded Amity Institute to meet the needs of American foreign language teachers and students for direct personalized contact with world languages and cultures.

Decades later, Amity Institute has broadened to provide exchange programs that work towards achieving the mission of building international friendship and cultural understanding through teaching exchange.

INTERN PROGRAM



The Intern Program provides international participants the opportunity to live in the U.S., gain teaching experience, and serve as informal ambassadors for their country in U.S. schools. Interns assist in the classroom for a minimum of 32 hours per week.

TEACHER PROGRAM

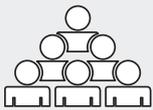


The Teacher Program arranges for certified experienced teachers from other countries to serve as temporary faculty at the primary and secondary levels in the U.S. Teachers can be assigned to a school for up to three years, with the possibility of an additional two year extension.

AT A GLANCE



Amity Institute is a U.S. State Department designated sponsor for applicants of the J-1 Visa in the exchange teacher and educational intern categories.



Our team, based out of San Diego, California, works directly as a liaison between host schools and participants starting *before* the visa process even begins, and ending after the participant leaves the United States. We screen potential interns and teachers, placing the most suitable applicant at your school.



Our organization can sponsor qualifying participants from ANY country in the world and place them in ANY U.S. state.

OUR 2018-2019 PROGRAMS



This past year, Amity Institute welcomed 346 interns and 272 teachers to the United States through our visa sponsorship.



Participants come from 29 different countries around the world.



Interns and teachers are currently making an impact in 32 states around the USA.



YOUR SCHOOL + AMITY

HOST AN INTERN

Assignment Overview: Interns spend one semester or full school year with their host school and are assigned to a supervising teacher. They play a flexible role in the classroom, including: observing classroom and school culture, assisting the teacher with lessons/group work, conducting cultural presentations, participating in extracurricular activities, and developing materials for student instruction.

Host School Basic Requirements: The Host School's principal oversees the assignment, follows the program guidelines and internship plan, and assigns staff members to mentor and support the intern throughout their placement. Schools pay a monthly stipend to the intern (unless the stipend is provided by another source). There is a \$200 a month minimum paid to the intern. Interns live with a host family arranged by the host school.

HOST AN INTERNATIONAL TEACHER

Assignment Overview: Throughout their temporary assignment (up to three years), International Teachers play important roles as cultural ambassadors by sharing aspects of their culture with U.S. students, schools, and communities through full-time, paid teaching positions at accredited primary and secondary schools.

Host School Basic Requirements: The Host School must welcome the teacher and assist with U.S. state certification/licensure process (if required), assign a mentor teacher to assist with initial adjustment matters, assist with finding initial temporary housing at the teacher's expense, offer local support throughout this program, and provide access to opportunities to facilitate cross-cultural exchange.

NOTE: Amity Institute can sponsor a teacher hired directly by your school or provide you with the resumes of applicants who may meet your needs.

THE BENEFITS OF CULTURAL EXCHANGE



- ✎ Facilitates a global school environment, offering students a greater worldview.
- ✎ Brings culture directly to life in the classroom, and allows for the discussion of important topics such as stereotypes and diversity.
- ✎ Enhances student development of foreign language skills with a native speaker.
- ✎ Fosters and environment of acceptance and curiosity.
- ✎ Brings resources to your local community.
- ✎ Creates an international family for your school community.

"Having model language speakers integrated into the teachers' lessons, who can also share their global and cultural knowledge, increases student engagement and lends authenticity to the classroom. It truly is a gift to have the additional enthusiasm and expertise of an Amity Intern on our campuses." - Willy Huang, Principal, Hillview Middle School (Menlo Park, CA)

WHY AMITY?



We have over 55 years of experience. Our longevity has allowed us to learn the ins and outs of international exchange. Rest assured, there is no situation we are not prepared for.



We are with you every step of the way. Amity provides support throughout the entire exchange. Participants and host schools are assigned to an individual Program Counselor, whose main responsibility is to make sure the experience goes as smoothly as possible. Simply put, we have your back.



By bringing an intern or teacher into your school, we provide the community with additional educational resources. This helps reduce the student to faculty ratio, allowing for more one-on-one time and small group projects.



Our reputation is impeccable, both internationally and locally. We pride ourselves on maintaining excellent relationships with our host schools, screening officers, and communities.



We are a non-profit organization. While some organizations have primarily monetary goals, Amity Institute uses all financial gains to further support our mission of cultural exchange.



The Amity community will become your extended family. We have host schools that have been with us since Amity's humble beginnings. Year after year, the same schools request to sponsor Amity participants because of the beneficial and lasting impact these exchanges have on their entire community. One of the best parts of our organization is the lifelong relationships that develop after an exchange. We see interns and teachers reuniting with their U.S. hosts and communities, or interns returning to a school several years later to work as International Teachers. In our organization, everyone is family.



TESTIMONIALS

"We have been working with Amity for several years. Learning about our interns' cultures, their communities and traditions, their music, arts, dances and more, helps our students to see the world as a global place fostering diversity and respect. Having a second adult in the classroom helps our teachers to be able to have more individualized attention to students and work on small groups. Amity has been a wonderful organization to work with, reliable and accessible, bringing highly qualified young people to work in our school."

- Maria Buceta Miller, Amity School Coordinator, John Stanford International School

"As a French international school, we have students and staff from all around the world. Amity has played a key role in helping many wonderful educators join our community. The Amity team is proactive with visa paperwork and deadlines and they quickly respond to any question the school or teachers might have about travel, health insurance, or adjusting to life in the United States."

- Mr. Veteau, Head of School, Lycée Français de Chicago

"We would highly recommend other schools to work with Amity Institute because it sets you apart from others. Not only do our students get an amazing experience at school with the Interns, but our families who host them also gain a sense of cross-cultural and self-awareness. The sharing of cultures promotes diversity and acceptance--one of the best tools that we as humans can be equipped with. We are so thankful for Amity and all that it has brought to our school."

-Emily Rouse, Global Education Coordinator, Tulsa Public Schools



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