



# CII TEACH ARGENTINA

## TEFL Internship

*Live in Argentina for 3 to 12 months and gain valuable teaching experience in both formal and non-formal education. Become part of a family and your host community, get to travel around the country and improve your command of the Spanish language.*

### PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

**CII Teach Argentina is a comprehensive programme which provides you with:**

Valuable **practical TEFL training** through a variety of activities in two main and distinctive settings:

- **Academic**, through your performance at a local **educational institution** (primary or secondary schools, language schools and/or universities)
- **Non-Formal**, through your participation in our unique **English Immersion Camps**, mainly addressed to children and teenagers

Improvement of your **Spanish** skills:

- Round-the-clock **Spanish Immersion Camp**
- One-on-one **Spanish coaching sessions** during your placement
- Stay with **local families**.

**TEFL Instruction** which provides you with valuable teaching resources

- Our partner **TEFL Bridge ©** equips you with the principles, theories and methodologies of teaching English as a foreign language through an on-line certification completed before departure and an on-site TEFL workshop upon arrival in Argentina.
- CII instructors provide practical experience in non-formal education during the on-site training sessions held upon arrival.
- Coaching by CII and your local Co-ordinator helps you enhance your teaching skills during practical training.

**Full-Board Accommodation**

**On-Going Orientation & Support**

*CII has over 15 years' experience in the design of exchange programmes. Over 400 students and graduates from English-speaking countries have joined our programmes.*

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### How does your internship work?

Before and upon arrival you will receive assistance, guidelines and resources so as to help you prepare yourself for the placement. Your internship will focus on facilitating English learning among locals in three different ways

- By **assisting at educational institutions** located across the country. You will help develop a sense of authenticity in the classroom by bringing living aspects of your culture in the manner of workshops and projects, and you will work co-operatively with qualified teachers who will guide and supervise your work.
- By joining our team of **camp counsellors** in our **English Immersion Camps** which re-enact life in an English speaking community, giving Argentinean students the chance to practise English in context through a full immersion approach in a retreat that usually last three days. Camp Counsellors design and run themed programmes which revolve around historical or contemporary events, the mythology and traditions of English-speaking countries. Dances, songs, sports, games, foods, crafts and rituals make up a unique cultural event, with the staff of Camp Counsellors acting as MCs.

*Design an intricate Murder Mystery in Victorian England; stage a Medieval camp where participants overcome quests and challenges on their way to knighthood; lead a group of "49ers" in their search for gold in California; or even help your agency find evil Dr Doomsday at the end of a Spy Camp, just to mention a few of our themes!*

- By providing your local **host family** with **English Tutorials** to help them improve their communication skills

The amount of time assigned to each activity may vary slightly depending on the time of the year, the geographical location of your placement and your profile. Possible schemes are as follows:

	SCHEME A	SCHEME B
Placement at a School	20 hours a week	15 hours a week
Counsellor at English Immersion Camps (1)	Maximum of one camp a month (Friday to Sunday) 1 to 4 camps per term	One camp every other week (Friday to Sunday) Approximately 8 camps per term
English Tutorials to host family members	3 hours a week	3 hours a week

- (1) **Important:** As our calendar of camps does vary during the year, participation in the camps may be partially replaced by the delivery of cultural workshops at different schools. This situation is particularly applicable to the first term of the year.

*Please note that these categories do not represent alternatives you can choose from.*

*CII will decide which category you fall into, according to specific criteria (schools profile requirements, schools location, the applicant's profile and our calendar of English Immersion Camps to be held during the semester)*

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### WHO CAN APPLY

In order to be eligible for this programme you must:

- Be a university student or recent graduate from an English-speaking country
- Have English as your mother tongue, and have been raised in an English-speaking country
- Show strong communicative and interpersonal skills.
- Be imaginative, fit and team-minded,
- Be highly aware of your own culture and highly interested in cultural exchange
- Show a high level of commitment, responsibility and flexibility
- Be physically and mentally healthy.

*If you have any doubts regarding your eligibility for the programme, or whether this is the right programme for you, do not hesitate to contact us explaining your case.*

### Desirable experience and skills:

- Drama, Music and Dance skills
- Experience as Camp Counsellor working with children and/or teens
- Community involvement and a sense of volunteerism
- Experience studying, working, or volunteering abroad



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### DURATION & DATES

The programme lasts from **3 to 12 months**, with two major starting dates in mid-March and late-July

### Placement duration

Most placements last for a whole semester. However, some placements last for one or two months. Hence, depending on the programme and placement duration, you are likely to experience a series of consecutive placements at different locations.

### School Calendar

The programme calendar is adjusted to school terms in Argentina, as follows:

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Red	Red	Red	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red

Reference:

Blue	Term 1
Green	Term 2
Red	Holidays

Be prepared not to teach during holiday periods. You can use this time to travel (at your own expense) around Argentina.

### Deadline for Enrolment

Applications are accepted up to 4 months prior to the starting date of the programme.

Also, depending on availability and for an extra fee, it is also possible to fast-track applications in one to three months for applicants already holding a TEFL Certification

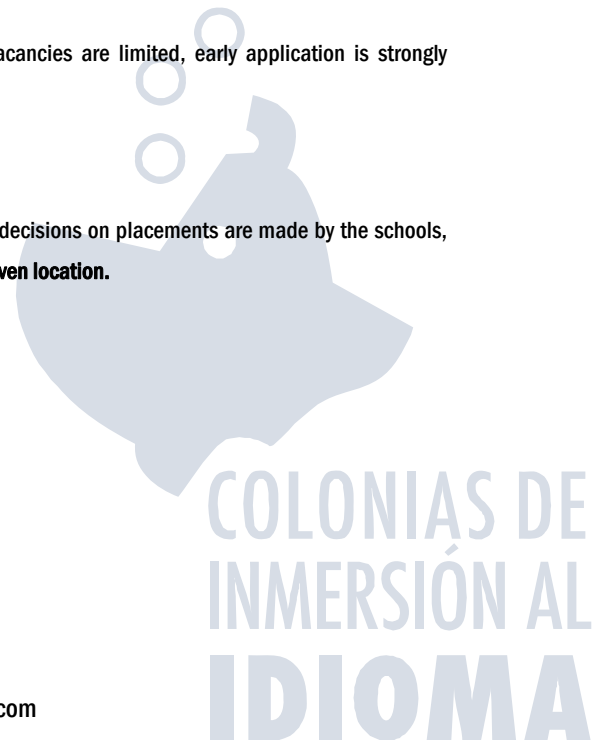
However, as placements are processed on a first-come-first-served-basis and vacancies are limited, early application is strongly encouraged.

### LOCATIONS

Schools, language Institutes and universities are located all over Argentina. Final decisions on placements are made by the schools, based on the candidates' profiles. Consequently, you must be open to **accept any given location**.

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### OUR SERVICES

#### Before Departure

- Pre-departure online assistance and orientation
- 60 hour on-line TEFL Certificate provided by our recognized partner **BridgeTEFL®**.

#### Upon Arrival

##### *Welcome Programme*

Our 2-week introductory package focuses on 3 key aspects of the exchange experience: general Orientation, Spanish skills, Teaching skills.

Day 1	Arrival in BA	▪ Free Day
Day 2	Module 1: Orientation.	▪ Valuable and practical guidelines to get the most of your stay in Argentina.
Days 3 to 8	Module 2: Spanish Immersion Camp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Whether you do not speak any Spanish or you wish to fine-tune the language you have studied in the classroom, this tailor-made camp will help you upgrade your Spanish communication skills</li><li>▪ As language makes sense in context, activities in the classroom blend with daily challenges and field work in the real world.</li></ul>
Days 9 to 13	Module 3: Training Session	▪ Hands-on training led by CII instructors focusing on our unique approach to non- formal education.
Day 14	Transfer to Placement	

The Welcome Programme includes:

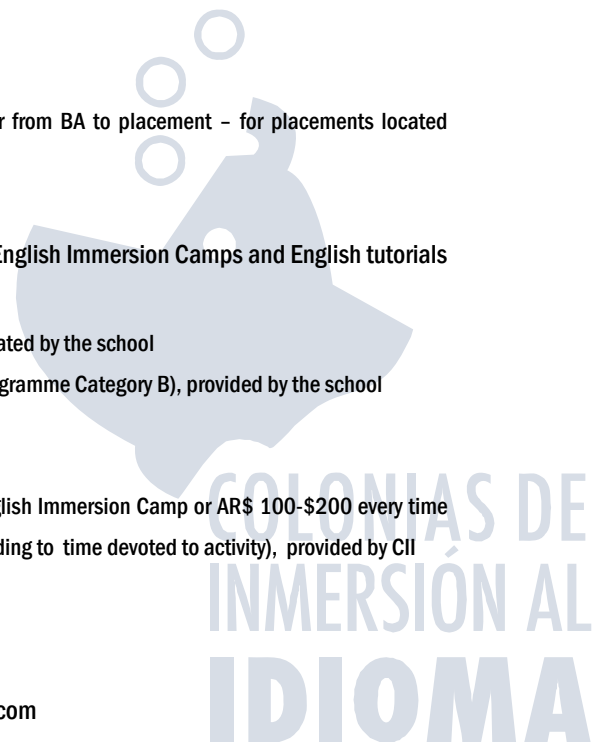
- Activities
- 13-day full-board shared accommodation
- Transportation (airport pickup, transfer to/from activities, transfer from BA to placement – for placements located outside BA)

##### *Practical Training*

- Internship combining work at a local school, participation in our English Immersion Camps and English tutorials with your local host family
- 4 hours of one-on-one Spanish coaching a week with a tutor designated by the school
- Monthly stipend of AR\$ 280 (Programme Category A) or \$350 (Programme Category B), provided by the school
  
- Additional stipend of AR\$ 200 every time you participate in an English Immersion Camp or AR\$ 100-\$200 every time you participate in cultural workshops (actual stipend will vary according to time devoted to activity), provided by CII

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- Full-board Host Family Accommodation during placement (excluding holiday periods)
- Transportation to and from English Immersion Camps and full-board accommodation during English Immersion Camps.
- Transportation from your placement to BA once your placement is over.

(Note: applies to placements located outside BA only)

### *On-Going Support*

- Monthly follow-up contact with a CII representative
- Half-way Get-Together: a full-day meeting in Buenos Aires to exchange views on the experience, renew team bonds and get further orientation.
- 24-hour in-country emergency support services via the CII Buenos Aires office



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### OUR FEES

	3 to 6 months	7 to 12 months
<b>Regular fee</b> If you apply up to 4 months ahead of programme official start date	USD 1750	USD 2000
<b>Early bird special</b> Apply at least 7 months ahead of programme official start date and get our discount!	USD 1390	USD 1690
<b>Late application fee</b> Applicable if you enroll less than 3 months and up to 1 month ahead of the official start date of the programme. Only available for applicants already holding a TEFL certification (minimum 60-hour course)	USD 300	USD 300
<b>60-hour TEFL Course delivered by Bridge©</b> This module is compulsory if you don't hold a TEFL degree (minimum 60-hour course)	USD 325 Seasonal promotions may apply	
<b>Extension Fee</b> If you decide to extend your participation in the programme once you have enrolled.	USD 300	

### Important:

- "Date of application" = date when we receive your **fully completed** application via email or post.
- Check our Cooperating Institutions List to find about our University agreements:
  - University of Limerick, Ireland. Students doing their Co-op placement do not pay a placement fee. They only pay for the Spanish Immersion Camp, which is included in most other cases.
  - University of California @ Davis, United States: 20% discount off the regular and early bird fees.
  - University of Bristol, United Kingdom: 20% discount off the regular and early bird fees.

CII is open to agreements with universities. If you think your university might be interested in exchanging discounts to applicants for listing **CII TEACH ARGENTINA** as a suitable programme for their students, please help us facilitate the agreement by providing contact details of the liaison for international programmes at your university. We will apply the discount to your fees once the agreement has been finalised.

### **Our fees do NOT include:**

- International Medical Insurance. You must show proof of your insurance or otherwise buy one from us. Contact us for more information about fees and benefits.
- Round-trip ticket to and from Buenos Aires
- Personal Expenses (we suggest you have access to a minimum of USD 150 per month)

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### HOW TO APPLY

#### 1. Application

##### 1a. Complete and gather our application package:

- CII Application form
- Health Report Form
- Recent Graduates: confirmation of your degree (transcript or copy of diploma)
- Students: a letter from your University confirming your student status
- Two reference letters. One at least must be written by a teacher. Additional reference letters are encouraged.
  - Letters must be dated, signed, and printed on official letterhead or accompanied by a business card.
  - Referees should be persons that are/were directly responsible for the review of your academic and/or professional performance. Referees may include a current or previous professor, academic advisor, supervisor, or manager.
  - Originals of all recommendation letters are required. Faxes or emails may be considered to expedite applications, however they must be followed up by mailed originals that meet the above standards.
  - CII does not accept letters of recommendation from family members, friends, neighbours, or similar sources.
  - References should be provided with the application so please arrange to obtain them before you submit forms
- Smiling photograph (please avoid passport photos!)
- Photocopy of the details page of your passport including your name, birth date, photograph, etc.
  - Your passport must be valid for at least six months beyond the programme end date.
  - The form of your name should correspond exactly with the name you give on your application or other official documents. If your name has changed, please indicate this on the application form
- TEFL Certificate if available

**Important:** Make sure you have collected all the items before you submit your application. CII can only process your application if the package is complete. If you have any doubts about how to complete your application, do not hesitate to contact us at [experienceargentina@ecolonias.com](mailto:experienceargentina@ecolonias.com) for assistance.

##### 1b. Submit the complete application package to CII

- Post the original package to: *Fernando Damián Carro / Casilla de Correo 044 / Sucursal Plaza Italia (1425) / Capital Federal, Buenos Aires, Argentina*
- Write to [experienceargentina@ecolonias.com](mailto:experienceargentina@ecolonias.com) and notify us that the package has been sent (make sure to mention delivery date, type of mail and estimated date of arrival)

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- We strongly suggest that you also email the complete package to us (including scanned copies of supporting documents) in order to expedite the process. However, please note that we still need to receive the original document set at least 30 days before arrival.

### 3. Admission

- CII will send a confirmation email upon reception of your complete application
- Application processing usually takes a week, after which we will contact you to provide feedback. If you qualify for the programme, we will schedule an on-line admission interview.
- You will be notified of our decision regarding your participation in the programme within three working days following the interview
- Upon acceptance into the programme, you will receive instructions regarding fees.

### 4. Placement

- Once you have complied with all the requirements CII will begin the search for an appropriate internship by matching your profile with suitable schools.
- You will start your 60-hour online TEFL (exception: participants already holding a valid TEFL certificate with a minimum of 60 hours) and make insurance and flight arrangements.
- Most placement details are sent 30 days before programme start date so as to allow contact with your supervisor and host family. In the case of placements finalised during our summer months these details may not be available until later.
- CII manages a wide network of schools across the country and only accepts the number of applicants for whom there are openings.



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