



# FRENCH DUAL LANGUAGE FUND

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS 2019-2020 ACADEMIC YEAR  
FRENCH TEACHING INTERN GRANTS

## FAQs

### **1. How can I use the \$4,000 French Teaching Intern grant?**

This grant program will disburse 20 grants of \$4,000 to 20 schools every year. The \$4,000 grant may be used towards the following expenses relating to hosting a French Teaching Intern: visa sponsorship agency fees, intern stipend monthly stipend, health insurance for the intern, and SEVIS fees. You can also choose to use this grant to cover fees for multiple interns. For example, you can use this grant to cover visa sponsorship agency fees and SEVIS fees for two interns. Please note that once your school accepts the grant, you are committed to hosting a French Teaching Intern. Failure to do so will result in cancellation of the grant.

### **2. How will my school's grant application be evaluated?**

We hope that these grants serve to not only augment existing school resources earmarked for French Teaching Interns, but also help schools past a budgetary hurdle that may have impeded their hosting an Intern in the past. To this end, funding decisions will be based primarily on need and a school's demonstrated ability to provide a positive environment for the French Teaching Intern.

### **3. Can my school still host an intern even if we are not selected to receive a grant?**

Yes! We will work with many schools who are not grant recipients to facilitate French Teaching Interns. This grant program aims to expand the network of host schools to include those that would have otherwise been unable to host an Intern due to financial constraints. However, many schools we work with are able to budget for this program without this grant.

**4. My school plans to host a French Teaching Intern(s) facilitated by another agency (Example Amity, etc.), can I still apply for this grant?**

Yes. There are various agencies in the U.S. facilitating teaching intern programs. Our goal is to help schools recruit as many native French speaker teaching interns in dual language classrooms as possible, because we know that the cultural and linguistic exchange is an invaluable experience for students, teachers, and interns alike. To support this goal, we manage our French Teaching Intern program in collaboration with the CICD as the sponsoring agency and the CIEP (*Centre International d'Etudes Pédagogiques*), a public agency of the French Ministry of Education, which recruits future teachers in France. Schools that choose to host interns through other agencies, such as Amity, are also welcome to apply for a French Teaching Intern grant.

**5. My school plans to host multiple interns, can I apply for more than one grant?**

No, each school may only apply for one \$4,000 grant per year.

**6. What are the eligibility criteria for a school/program for this grant?**

Teachers, PTO, PTA or administrators at a U.S. public school, OR district administrators OR state-level administrators affiliated with a French dual language or immersion program that has been in operation for 2 or more years, and that will serve 30 or more students in the 2019-2020 academic year can apply for this grant. Applicants will be asked to demonstrate that French is used in at least 30% of instruction within the French dual language or immersion program.

**7. My school has not hosted a French Teaching Intern in the past, can I still apply?**

Yes! We particularly welcome schools who have not had the resources in the past to apply for this grant. We hope that these grants serve to not only augment existing school resources earmarked for French Teaching Interns, but also help schools past a budgetary hurdle that may have impeded their hosting an Intern in the past. To this end, funding decisions will be based primarily on need and a school's demonstrated ability to provide a positive environment for the French Teaching Intern.

**8. What is a standard budget breakdown for hosting a teaching intern? What costs are the schools responsible for?**

Assistants at the K-12 level are sponsored for visas in the "J-1 Intern" category and work approximately 32 hours per week. Under this framework, the host institution provides:

- Room & Board in a host family for the Intern (some schools ask two families to host so that they can split the responsibilities over two semesters), refer to question 9 for more information.
- Health Insurance for the Intern (approximately \$65/month)
- A \$500/month suggested (\$300/month minimum) stipend for the Intern
- A one-time \$1,700 maximum administrative fee for visa sponsorship services with our partner sponsor agency

The teaching intern pays for his or her plane tickets to and from France as well as any fees associated with applying for the visa at the U.S. Embassy in Paris.

The total cost of hosting a French Teaching Intern depends on the length of time that a school wishes to host an assistant. For example, if your school wanted to host an Intern for 10 months, the total approximate cost would be:

Room & Board
\$650 health insurance for the year
\$3,000 - \$5,000 stipend for the year
+ \$1,700 administrative fee for visa sponsorship services
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\$5,350 - \$7,350 + Room & Board

### 9. What is considered Room & Board for the Intern?

The host school is responsible for arranging housing free of cost to the Intern, typically in a host family. Please note that it can take a long time to persuade families to commit to hosting an intern and that this should be arranged ahead of time. Failure to find a host family or a suitable living situation can result in the cancellation of the grant.

### 10. How do I get in touch with the Embassy to recruit a French Teaching Intern through the CIEP/CICD?

Please keep in mind that the Embassy is a mediator for the CIEP/CICD program. To apply to host a **French Teaching Intern** in your school through this program, regardless of if your school is a grant recipient, please follow these two steps:

1. Fill out this [FTI Initial Interest Form](#). This will give us an overview of your school and help us determine how best to move forward.

2. Contact Program Officer Natalie Cox at [natalie.cox@diplomatie.gouv.fr](mailto:natalie.cox@diplomatie.gouv.fr) to introduce yourself and your program. You will then set up an initial phone call, and be in close touch with our office throughout the spring.

Please learn more about the French Teaching Intern CIEP/CICD program [here](#).

### **11. Can I apply for this grant multiple years?**

Yes, your school can submit one grant application every year. Prior grant recipients are eligible to apply the following year, however receiving a grant in a prior year does not guarantee that your school will be among the selected grantees in years to come.

### **12. Will the French Teaching Intern be fluent in English?**

Yes. French Teaching Interns are required to demonstrate at least an intermediate level of English proficiency, at least a B1 proficiency level along the CEFR scale.

### **13. How long can an intern stay at a given school for?**

An Intern can stay in a school for up to ten months. After this period, the intern will be required to return to his or her home country to pursue employment in the field of education.

For more information about the Intern's role in the classroom, placement in host families, and more please see the [French Teaching Intern Program FAQs](#).