

Dear Future Teacher of English,

Does this sound like you?

- ☐ Currently enrolled in a Teaching English as a Foreign Language programme at a university in the EU?
- ☐ Enthusiastic about teaching and English?
- ☐ Keen on exploring new experiences and challenges?
- ☐ Excited to meet new people in new situations?
- ☐ Open-minded and eager to appreciate various cultures?

Then the TEFE International Teaching Practice (ITP) Internship might be for you!

Locations: Primary or Secondary Schools in Czechia, Germany, Hungary, Slovakia, and Spain

Duration: From 8 weeks to one year

Funding: Through Erasmus Mobility Traineeships or Study Mobility

About the TEFE Project

Teachers of English for Future Europe (TEFE) is a consortium of six EU universities committed to providing their English as a Foreign Language (EFL) pre-service teachers with opportunities to learn from English language teaching professionals at local schools in partner countries.

Internship Overview

The TEFE International Teaching Practice Internship offers a comprehensive, hands-on experience in a primary or secondary school setting outside your own national context, allowing you to develop and refine your organisation, collaboration, creativity, and teaching skills under the guidance of experienced mentors and supervisors. The internship is broken up into stages, each growing in responsibility, from doing admin to assisting to full-fledged teaching. Each host school determines the exact content and length of each stage.

TEFE Intern Key Responsibilities & Opportunities – What you'll do!

Office Work

- Assist with administrative tasks related to the EFL programme at your host school.
- Organise, manage, and create educational resources and materials.

Meetings with Mentor and Supervisor

- Participate in regular meetings with your assigned mentor(s) to discuss progress, challenges, and professional development.

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- Participate in regular meetings (often online) with your university supervisors – both locally and at your home university – to discuss challenges and provide feedback.
- Receive constructive feedback and guidance on your work, teaching methods, and classroom management.

Lesson Observations

- Observe lessons conducted by experienced teachers to understand diverse teaching strategies and classroom dynamics in another culture.
- Reflect on observations to improve your own teaching practices.

Materials Creation

- Develop engaging and effective teaching materials and resources for EFL lessons in a new context.
- Collaborate with colleagues to create innovative lesson plans.

Assignment and Test Assessment

- Assist in the preparation and administration, as well as the correction of tests and assignments.
- Provide constructive, formative feedback to students to support their learning progress.

Assisting Primary or Mentor Teacher

- Support the primary or mentor teacher in daily classroom activities.
- Provide one-on-one or small group assistance to students as needed.

Student Teaching

- Plan and deliver your own EFL lessons under the supervision of a mentor teacher.
- Teach full-time or nearly full-time (or substitute teach for colleagues who are absent), gaining valuable classroom experience.
- Implement feedback to continuously improve your teaching effectiveness.

School Events and Trips (not offered by all schools)

- Assist in the organisation of educational events, trips and outings.
- Act as a chaperone to ensure student safety and enhance learning experiences outside the classroom.

TEFE Intern Applicant Profile – Who we're looking for!

Education and Training

- Enrolled in an English Language Teaching university programme
- Has taken at least one ELT methodology course
- Has completed at least one ELT practicum (i.e., observing, assisting, or teaching) or has teaching experience (e.g., at a language school)*
- Demonstrates proficient use of English at the B2 or higher level**
- Demonstrates a strong interest in teaching English as a Foreign Language



Cultural Awareness

- Values multicultural experiences without judgment
- Enjoys engaging with and learning about other cultures and people
- Exhibits tolerance and a respectful attitude

Personal Attributes

- Has a positive attitude
- Is self-motivated and takes initiative
- Is consistently reliable and dependable
- Demonstrates flexibility in unexpected circumstances
- Is able to handle stress
- Is prepared to step out of their comfort zone

Interpersonal Skills

- Works well collaboratively
- Responds well to feedback
- Engages in self-reflection and adjusts accordingly
- Works well and has patience with children and/or teens
- Demonstrates creativity and an interest in applying modern teaching methods
- Exhibits solid communication and interpersonal skills

Organisational Skills

- Shows organisational skills and attention to detail

TEFE Intern Benefits – What you'll get out of it!

Personal and Professional Growth

- Growing as a person and as an educator for future Europe.
- Developing and refining your teaching skills.
- Engaging in professional development activities.
- Enhancing your CV and expanding your professional network.

Language and Intercultural Skills

- Practising your English while picking up a new language.
- Practising your intercultural communicative competences.
- Exploring diverse places, cultures, and histories.

Educational Experience

- Learning and applying innovative language teaching techniques and strategies.
- Gaining insight into different educational systems.
- Getting hands-on teaching experience within a supportive environment.
- Receiving personalised mentorship from experienced educators and supervisors.

How to Apply

There are step-by-step [instructions](#) to help you do what needs to be done.

Application Deadline: May 30

Join us for an internship that promises to shape your future in education while making a significant impact on your students' learning journeys. We look forward to welcoming motivated pre-service teachers to become TEFE Interns!

Notes

*Some schools do not have this requirement.

**Some schools in some countries require C1-level English; other schools offer spots for B1-level English users.

