

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q Can I apply if I do not have international travel or work experience?

A Yes, teachers can apply without international experience as long as they meet all criteria as outlined in the information for applicants.

Q Do I need a doctor's note for my application to be complete?

A No, you do not need to provide a doctor's note with the CTF/FCE application; however, you need to be in good physical, mental, and emotional health. Self-disclosure of your medical condition is required when you apply.

Q Can I apply again if I have participated in past programs – either Project Overseas or Teaching Together?

A That decision is made by the Member Organizations of the CTF/FCE which sponsor participants. It may vary from one organization to another. However, the CTF/FCE often selects team leaders from the pool of experienced participants.

Q Can I apply again if I applied before but was not selected?

A Yes.

Q If I am selected and approved by my provincial or territorial organization, when will I get a confirmation from the CTF/FCE that I have been selected for an assignment?

A Applicants that the CTF/FCE has selected for assignment will be informed as soon as possible, usually by late January. You will be contacted by your team leader in early February and will begin working with your team in preparation for the assignment.

Q What is the cost to me if I am selected as a Teaching Together participant?

A All program-related costs including transportation, accommodation, and meals both in Canada and overseas will be covered. This also includes program-related costs such as vaccinations not covered by your health plan and travel visas required for certain countries.

Q Do I need specific skills to participate in the program?

A As a teacher we are confident that you are well-equipped to co-facilitate the program and will have much to offer from your education and from your experience. However, participants' resilience, flexibility, and the ability to work collaboratively with others are critical to the program's success.

Q How long does the project last? How much time would I need to be available?

A You must be prepared to be available to work with your team from the time you are informed of your selection through to the end of the program. The pre-departure orientation takes place in early July in Ottawa. Following the orientation, teams depart immediately from Ottawa to their countries of assignment. Most projects are concluded and volunteers can be back in Canada by the end of July. Your commitment is for the entire duration of the program – start to finish.

Q Can I request to be assigned to a particular country if I am selected?

A No. The CTF/FCE places participants where they will have the greatest impact, based on various factors such as the needs identified by the Partner Organization in the country of assignment and the participants' background and areas of expertise. You will be informed of your country of assignment when you are notified that you have been selected.

Q Do I need to have my vaccinations up to date before I can travel abroad?

A Yes. Teaching Together assignments in some countries require some specific vaccines. The CTF/FCE will inform you of the vaccines you need well in advance of your travel date. All participants are strongly encouraged to be vaccinated against COVID.

Q What happens if I am selected but have to drop out at some point in the process?

A The unexpected happens and plans sometimes need to change. If you are selected for the program, but later need to drop out, you should contact the CTF/FCE immediately.

Q Is there training before I go overseas?

A Yes. From February to June, you will receive information and will work closely with the CTF/FCE, your team leader, and the other members of your team via email and videoconference as you prepare for the assignment. Also, the CTF/FCE provides a mandatory orientation for Teaching Together participants in Ottawa in early July, before your assignment starts.

Q Can family or friends accompany me to my country of assignment if I am selected?

A No! Family members and friends are not permitted to accompany Teaching Together participants.

Q Can I take a personal vacation as part of the Teaching Together program?

A The CTF/FCE arranges and pays for travel to/from the program destination. At the end of the program, you may decide to add personal travel to your itinerary at your expense.

Q Will the departure point always be Ottawa?

A Yes, the CTF/FCE is located in Ottawa and staff facilitate a two-to-three-day orientation session in Ottawa for all participants prior to departure on assignment.



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