

## **Volunteer Teaching Assistant Opportunities**

### **Program Outline**

#### **Volunteering Opportunity**

Canadian students have an opportunity to spend a few weeks in Vietnam as a volunteer English-language teaching assistant.

Volunteers will work in a school with students who are learning English. The level of school ranges from elementary school to technical college.

#### **Outline of the Program**

Volunteers will travel to Vietnam on their own resources, but the school will provide meals and accommodation for the volunteers while working in Vietnam.

#### **Qualifications for Volunteers**

Age: 19 years or older, or

18 years with consent of parent or guardian, or

17 years if accompanied by parent or guardian, or if guardianship responsibility is taken by a nearby relative in Vietnam.

You do not need teaching qualifications, but you must be outgoing and confident enough to be able to engage Vietnamese students in conversation in English.

Excellent spoken English (native speaker or equivalent). This is important as the students wish to learn clear pronunciation from a native speaker.

At least a minimal knowledge of Vietnamese language and an interest in learning.

Able to travel to Vietnam independently and on your own resources.

#### **Conditions**

We recommend around 3 weeks as the preferred time commitment, but this will be negotiated with the school with each assignment.

You will be free on weekends, but the sponsors will organize weekend activities for you, if you wish.

The sponsors do not assume guardianship of young volunteers; volunteers come as independent travelers.

The school will be responsible for:

food and accommodation (including weekends, if required),

pick up and drop off at the designated airport,

assigning and supervising teaching activities on week days.

The volunteer will be responsible for:

Travel arrangements to and from Ho Chi Minh City (or Hanoi, depending on the assignment) and incidental expenses such as for personal needs or weekend activities.

Awareness of and maturity to handle the risks and responsibilities involved in travelling independently to Vietnam (e.g. food safety, health risks, personal safety).

Working responsibly with the sponsoring school on week days.

The volunteer will need a business (volunteer) visa from the Vietnam embassy or consulate in Canada. This will require an invitation letter from the sponsoring school and may require a criminal record check. The visa will restrict you to the activity for which you were invited. In particular, it is strictly forbidden to engage in any political, religious, or social advocacy while in Vietnam on this program.

Interested?

If you are interested in volunteering for this program, please send us an email at [info1@AuCoFund.ca](mailto:info1@AuCoFund.ca). We will put you in touch with whatever opportunities are available at the time.