

## *Frequently Asked Questions*

### **Why do we have a Spanish speaking requirement?**

The BE fellowship requires a high level of Spanish proficiency. While classes are conducted nearly entirely in English, we strongly believe that before you can teach a foreign language successfully, you first have to have overcome the challenges of learning a foreign language yourself. This facilitates an understanding of the origins of, and consequently solutions to, your students' errors.

### **What do Fellows do?**

- a. Corporate and Private Classes: Fellows design and teach personalized classes based on the BE Methodology. Along with tracking progress online, teachers contribute to our growing bank of lesson plans and teaching resources. Fellows explore Santiago as they travel to classes throughout the city.
- b. BEST (Beyond English School Talleres): Each member of our team plays an active role in the movement to bring equality of educational opportunity to children in Chile through our program BEST. Twice a week, Fellows bring quality English instruction, positive leadership, global citizenship and fun to schools all over the city. In addition to teaching English, we aim to cultivate a love of learning and inspire the children we work with to believe in their potential to succeed.
- c. Community Projects: Beyond English is committed to growing active, globally minded leaders. That's why we give Fellows the tools and network needed to develop and lead their own Community Project. With the help of our diverse community of teachers, students and partners, Fellows use their passions and skills to create meaningful, joyful experiences.

### **What is the Orientation and Training?**

Fellows participate in an intensive three week orientation that prepares them to meet the demands of teaching English and developing a project in the 21st century. We cover topics including education theory, brain-based learning, lesson planning, assessment, classroom management, and design thinking. These areas are further developed throughout the Fellowship through ongoing training.

**Is ESL/EFL teaching experience required?**

Fellows must have previous teaching experience; strong preference will be given to applicants who have taught ESL/EFL. Fellows without specific ESL/EFL teaching experience must complete at least 20 hours of ESL tutoring prior to departure.

**Do I need TEFL certification?**

No.

**How much is the salary and what are the benefits?**

The salary varies and is dependent upon experience and job performance. It includes public health insurance and pension, both of which are required by Chilean law. Fellows can apply to get their pension money back when they leave the country. In accordance with Chilean law, Fellows earn 1.25 days of paid vacation per month worked. Please inquire for more information.

**Where will I live?**

Your call! It is your responsibility to make your own housing arrangements. Upon acceptance, you will receive a pre-departure packet that contains valuable information to help you with your house-hunt.

**How long is the time commitment?**

Time commitments vary depending on the date of hire.

**How does the visa process work?**

Fellows apply for a subject to contract work visa through the Chilean Consulate closest to them. Beyond English sponsors the visa with a work contract and all necessary documents. Fellows must be present at the Consulate to have their visas put into their passports. The visa fee is \$580. Fellows are responsible for all costs associated with getting the visa.