Teacher education institutions across the United States continue to respond to the recognized need for greater international awareness and understanding among teacher candidates and professional teachers. There are over 100 institutions in the United States that conduct student teaching programs in more than 50 countries with the dual purpose of preparing competent teachers and contributing to worldwide understanding.

This packet is designed to provide information to help determine the feasibility of an international student teaching experience.

The University of Montana’s International Programs is also a great source to assist you in preparing for a student teaching experience abroad.

Best wishes,

Office of Field Experiences
Department of Teaching and Learning
Phyllis J. Washington College of Education
The University of Montana
Missoula, MT
PROGRAM OPTIONS

The University of Montana’s Office of Field Experiences (OFE) places teacher candidates in international settings through the following programs:

- INDIANA UNIVERSITY GLOBAL GATEWAY FOR TEACHERS
- UM AFFILIATED IN INDIA - KODAIKANAL INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL IN INDIA
- UM AFFILIATED IN KUWAIT - AMERICAN CREATIVITY ACADEMY

APPLICATION PROCESS

International applications are required to be submitted, along with your general student teaching application, one year in advance of the semester you plan to student teach. Each program option requires an application that can be downloaded online at:
http://coehs.umt.edu/departments/currinst/Clinical%20Experiences/stuteaching/appmaterials.php
Please refer to the program you are interested in for specific application details and requirements.

Application Due Dates

For an Autumn Semester placement, submit application by February 10th. For a Spring Semester placement, submit application by September 10th of the preceding year. Please note, if the 10th falls on a weekend or UM holiday, applications are due the next UM business day. The UM Affiliation Programs with China and India necessitate additional requirements and deadlines. See program for details.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

In addition to meeting all qualifications for student teaching, all international applicants must:

1. Have cumulative and major GPA’s of 3.0 at the time of application.
2. Have two faculty recommendations.
3. Have grades of B or above in methods courses.
4. Have personal strengths that include flexibility, effective communication skills, self-reliance, and emotional maturity.
5. Complete a successful 8-week student teaching assignment in Montana prior to completing 8 weeks in an international setting.
6. Be free of family concerns; family and/or friends are not to accompany a candidate during an overseas assignment.
7. Investigate and be ready to pay all costs associated with an international student teaching assignment.
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT TEACHING
PROJECTED EXPENSES

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* Subject to increase by Indiana University.
**Prices vary due to site location/country

Costs

For international student teaching placements secured in direct partnership schools (China and India), the OFE seeks a contracted university supervisor to mentor the teacher candidate. Stipends for university supervisors are often higher internationally and the teacher candidate is responsible for the amount above and beyond the Montana Board of Regents set rate of $250. When relevant, the teacher candidate can complete a payment plan for reimbursing the University. The Indiana University Global Gateway for Teachers and Department Of Defense Education Activity programs do not have supervisors available; the 8-week stateside placement arranged by the OFE includes supervision which will not necessitate any additional cost to the candidate.

Other costs vary depending on the program utilized. Associated costs can include, but are not limited to, program fees, transportation, housing expenses, meal expenses, passport and visa fees, vaccinations, insurance, and personal expenses.
INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

At least two weeks prior to departure for the International student teaching experience, candidates must provide the Director of Global Engagement with proof of required health and accident insurance coverage. Such coverage - regardless of the health insurance carrier – must include medical, evacuation and repatriation as follows:

* Medical Expense Benefit: $250,000
* Medical Evacuation: $250,000
* Repatriation: $100,000

If you currently carry private health insurance or are covered by your parent’s policy, you must demonstrate that it meets these requirements; whether/how your policy applies overseas; and whether there are any limitations on your policy while student teaching abroad.

All students traveling abroad for any university-related activities are required to purchase international insurance coverage from GeoBlue Worldwide Health Insurance for Higher Education except if their program requires them to enroll in a specific insurance policy comparable to GeoBlue's policy. This policy includes coverage for medical expenses as well as coverage for medical, political & security, and natural disaster evacuation. Please view the complete MUS Certificate 2017. The cost is $12.20/week.

Each student will need to complete a Student Insurance Coverage Form. This form ensures that each student is enrolled in an insurance policy that meets the requirements.

ANY POLICY YOU CHOOSE MUST MEET THE THREE REQUIREMENTS LISTED ABOVE.
Indiana University Global Gateway for Teachers is designed to provide classroom and community involvement experiences for student teachers in culturally diverse settings in seventeen (18) host nations.

**International Placement Sites:** Australia, China, Costa Rica, Ecuador, England, Greece, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Norway*, Russia, Scotland*, Spain, Tanzania, and Wales*.

*Placements in both Norway, Scotland, and Wales are extremely limited. A registrant interested in seeking a student teaching placement in either Norway or Wales is advised to identify a “second choice” host nation and include this information on the Placement Information Sheet of the Registration Set.

**Additional Resources:** Obtain and carefully review the Indiana University Program Booklet for Overseas Student Teaching (available in Teacher Education Services) for information on the program and guidance in preparing your application. The OFE may also have additional information on file for specific locations.

**CHECKLIST of APPLICATION:**
Submit the following on the appropriate student teaching application deadline to the OFE:

- Access [http://coehs.umt.edu/departments/currinst/Clinical%20Experiences/stuteaching/appmaterials.php](http://coehs.umt.edu/departments/currinst/Clinical%20Experiences/stuteaching/appmaterials.php) to download and complete:
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  2. International Student Teaching Application – Indiana Global Gateway for Teachers
     - Use the *Indiana University Global Gateway for Teachers Booklet for Overseas Student Teaching* to guide you in completing this application.

- **Two** checks or money orders payable to Indiana University.
  1. $250 Application Fee; and
  2. $900 Program Fee.

- State Police Clearance Report - Access [https://app.mt.gov/choprs/](https://app.mt.gov/choprs/) to complete a “Public Users” Criminal History Check for yourself ($20.00 charges apply). Print the results for submittal.

**Please note:** The application fee will be cashed by Indiana University once your application has been processed by their office (typically between May and June for a spring application and December – January for an autumn application). The Program fee will be cashed once a placement is confirmed.
A formal partnership has been established between the Phyllis J. Washington College of Education at the University of Montana and Kodaikanal International School. Kodaikanal International School is an International Baccalaureate (IB) boarding school offering education for grades P-12. The school offers reduced room/board expenses. Candidates work with the OFE-approved travel agent who coordinates all travel arrangements.

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  2. International Student Teaching Application form – UM Affiliated Kodaikanal, India

- Two Recommendation Forms from:
  - Faculty instructor AND cooperating teacher from a methods course

**RESOURCES:** Kodaikanal International School Website: [http://www.kis.in/](http://www.kis.in/)
UM AFFILIATED IN KUWAIT – AMERICAN CREATIVITY ACADEMY

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### Recommendation for an Out-of-State or International Student Teaching Assignment

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