AYC program highlights

- Launch your career by gaining an international perspective, developing a professional or academic network in China, or conducting independent research.
- The AYC offers a monthly stipend of approximately $800 or 5,000 RMB so you can enjoy a comfortable standard of living.
- Organized travel opportunities, including a cultural tour, are provided for participants free of charge.
- Travel allowance for your flights to and from China upon completion of the program.
- A full curriculum with teaching materials will be provided, and all participants will receive a full week of professional training before their classes begin.
- Full support including airport pickup, temporary hotel accommodations, teaching support, and 24/7 assistance is provided while you are in the field.
- Regular classes on Chinese language and culture to help you deepen your understanding of China.
- Light contribution - about 25 hours of educational activities per week.
- Postings include but are not limited to: the greater metropolitan areas of Shanghai, Beijing, Nanjing, Tianjin, and the provinces of Guangdong, Anhui, Hebei, and Fujian.
- Placements are in public primary and secondary schools.
- Program benefits include free on-campus housing, medical insurance, and more...

The ideal candidate

- Holder of a Bachelor’s degree or higher by June, 2013
- Shares the Ameson Foundation’s goals of international cooperation
- Native English speaker
- Possesses the adaptability needed to live and work abroad
- No criminal record
- Passionate, motivated and self-disciplined
- Wiling to teach students between the ages of 6 and 15
- Able to act as an informal ambassador for the U.S.
A YEAR TO EXPLORE, TEACH AND LEARN

The Ameson Year in China is a program for recent college graduates or other qualified applicants seeking to expand their horizons and develop a global vision using their natural asset - English. In exchange for teaching English as a contribution to Chinese students for an academic year, the AYC is designed to give participants the chance to gain a deep understanding of Chinese culture, learn one of the world’s most in-demand languages, enhance their professional development, gain professional experience, and improve future employment prospects in the U.S. and around the world. The program also provides opportunities to conduct independent projects of personal significance and establish a personal business or academic network in China, which can all be invaluable assets for a future career.

Working commitments consist of about 25 hours of educational activities per week. The fully standardized curriculum, along with teaching materials and support, gives participants plenty of time to practice their Chinese, conduct research, or explore their surroundings.

What you learn in China can be a launching point for an international career, or can enhance academic and professional opportunities in the United States. However, it is the personal development that may be the most valuable outcome of this program. Living and working in another country pushes you to confront your own assumptions and view the world from another perspective. See what the world has to offer, with the Ameson Year in China.

PARTICIPANTS ENJOY A TOTAL SUPPORT NETWORK WITH THE AYC PROGRAM, INCLUDING AIRPORT PICKUP, VISAS SUPPORT, CHINESE LANGUAGE CLASSES, FREE HOUSING, 24-HOUR EMERGENCY SUPPORT, ORIENTATION, FREE PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND PLENTY OF EXCURSIONS AND CLASSES TO HELP YOU IMMERSSE YOURSELF IN CHINESE CULTURE.

FULL WORKING SUPPORT TO HELP YOU FEEL AT EASE IN CHINA

Participants enjoy a total support network with the AYC program, including airport pickup, visa support, Chinese language classes, free housing, 24-hour emergency support, orientation, free professional training and plenty of excursions and classes to help you immerse yourself in Chinese culture.

LOW COST OF LIVING MEANS YOUR MONEY GOES FURTHER

The program offers a monthly stipend of 5000 RMB (about $800), which includes free on-campus housing and a travel allowance for your flights to and from China after successful completion of the program. With many of your daily expenses covered, your stipend is almost entirely disposable income.

The cost of living in China is much lower than in the U.S.; the average salary for a recent graduate from a top Chinese university is between 2000 and 3000 RMB. With meals and taxi fares starting at around $1.5, the AYC stipend allows participants to maintain a comfortable standard of living while enjoying the ample enrichment opportunities provided by the program.

APPLICATION DETAILS

Any native speaker of English holding a bachelor’s degree or higher by June 2013 may apply; there are no age or experience restrictions. A qualified applicant will be a patient, responsible and resilient person who can adaptively respond to the challenges of culture shock. A “Non-Criminal Record” from the police office nearest to your place of residence is required for finalists. Priority will be given to complete applications received by March 31. To start the application process, visit our website at http://ameson.org/ayc/apply

TIME TO PURSUE INDEPENDENT PROJECTS

What you get out of a year in China depends largely on what you put into it. AYC participants teach an average of 20 hours per week, giving you plenty of time to pursue your own projects. A lot is possible if you try. Participants are encouraged to make full use of program support to pursue projects that contribute to their personal or professional development. Check out some examples below:

- **GET AN INSIDER’S UNDERSTANDING OF CHINESE LAW**
  - Hoping to go into international law, you ask the program to help you find an internship with a law firm. The parent of one of your students is a lawyer, and the program arranges an internship for you. The hands-on knowledge you gain helps you land a job at a multi-national law firm.

- **EXPERIENCE THE CHINESE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT**
  - Your degree in international marketing and your connections with businesses from your state help you find an internship with an export company. Your time in the office and around the banquet table, help you develop an unparalleled knowledge of Chinese business and a network of professional contacts.

- **CONDUCT AN INDEPENDENT RESEARCH PROJECT**
  - As a sociology major, you are fascinated by how Chinese use matchmakers and dating sites to find potential life partners. With the support of the local university, you conduct a series of qualitative interviews and write a research paper which helps you get accepted to a top grad school.

- **EXPLORE THE CHINESE CULINARY ENVIRONMENT**
  - As a food enthusiast, the program takes you to marketplaces and out to eat with families in the area.

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  - An English major, you ask the program to help you find an internship with a publishing company. The program helps you land an internship with a publishing company in Beijing, where you get a hands-on experience in the Chinese publishing industry.

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