

## Local Chinese Teacher Assistants

The Confucius Institute in Auckland, in partnership with Hanban in China and Chinese Consulate General Office in Auckland is offering opportunities for native speakers of Mandarin to become Local Teacher Assistants (LTAs) to support schools in the development of their Chinese language and culture programmes.

The LTAs will teach Chinese language and culture to students with the help of a New Zealand registered teacher or assist a lead Chinese language teacher in one or several schools in Auckland or wider region spanning from Northland to the Waikato.

The successful applicants are expected to commit to an initial training programme in China and then an induction training and ongoing professional development in New Zealand with the potential to become a qualified Chinese language teacher. Opportunities are available for several successful applicants to begin work in the 2016 school year.

### Eligibility

- Applicants should be a native speaker of standard Mandarin Chinese and demonstrate a high standard of spoken English.
- Applicants must be open-minded, flexible, enthusiastic, willing to do on the job training and be passionate about promoting Chinese language and culture in schools.
- Shortlisted applicants will need to provide evidence of permanent residency or a valid visa for living in New Zealand.

### Selection

Applicants will be assessed according to the following criteria:

- Relevant tertiary qualifications and knowledge about teaching Chinese as a foreign language.
- Experience and expertise in Chinese culture.
- Evidence of applicant's relevant teaching experience especially with children.
- Experience and knowledge of New Zealand and the New Zealand education system.
- References from referees
- Willingness and enthusiasm about being a LTA.

The Confucius Institute in Auckland reserves the right to make reasonable inquiries in relation to information contained in all applications and the final selection is subject to Hanban approval.

Successful applicants will be asked to state, if any, their preferred school placements. However, final placements will be decided by Confucius Institute.

### **Conditions of Tenure**

Successful applicants will be employed under the 'Overseas Volunteer' programme by Hanban, China and managed by Confucius Institute in Auckland and Chinese Consulate General Office in Auckland.

The successful applicants will be required to:

- sign a contract regarding the position's terms and conditions.
- attend an intensive pre-service training programme in China with all expenses covered by Hanban.
- attend a January/February induction training at Confucius Institute in Auckland.
- attend all relevant workshops managed and recommended by Confucius Institute in Auckland, if requested, and cooperate with any promotional publicity related to language and culture.
- be responsible for self-management of transport, curriculum planning, lesson preparation, assessment and management of timetable (support available).
- provide the Confucius Institute in Auckland with feedback as required (guidelines will be provided).

### **Costs**

Hanban will cover return airfares and in-country expenses related to pre-service training in China.

All training costs in New Zealand will be paid by the participant, the appointed school/s or negotiated to be shared between the parties.

### **Allowance**

Successful applicants will be given an allowance of approximately US\$1000/month paid by Hanban, China.

### **Applications for 2016**

For an application form in Word format, please contact Lisa Shi on [L.shi@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:L.shi@auckland.ac.nz). Applications must be submitted to Confucius Institute by 5pm, Friday 2 October 2015.

Shortlisted candidates should be available for a face to face interview and present a five minute sample lesson during the week starting Monday 5 October 2015.

Hanban training will be expected to take place in China during December 2015 and induction training in New Zealand will occur at the end of January 2016.