

ENGLISH TEACHING ASSISTANT

Yokkaichi English Fellow (YEF)

YOKKAICHI, JAPAN

POSITION DESCRIPTION

BACKGROUND: In 1986, the City of Long Beach was approached by the City of Yokkaichi, it's long-standing Sister City in Japan, with a request to establish an English Language Program. In turn, CSULB was asked to lend administrative support to this program. The request from Yokkaichi resulted from a perceived need to enhance the English Language Program being offered to students in the junior high schools of the city. It was felt that this could best be achieved through the presence of American native speakers who would provide special assistance to Yokkaichi English teachers in the areas of in-depth cultural content and oral language skills. Teaching Assistants would be known as "**Yokkaichi English Fellows**" (YEF).

In the first year of the program, one Teaching Assistant was sent from the City of Long Beach. The next year, the City of Yokkaichi requested that two Teaching Assistants be sent. The response was so positive that the program continued and grew and there are now seven Teaching Assistants working with the City of Yokkaichi. A **two-year contract** is now offered with a mutual review after the first year.

DUTIES: Those selected will work in the middle and elementary school system of Yokkaichi. They will visit English language classes held in the 21 schools of the system there as an Assistant Teacher for Japanese English Teachers, make presentations about the U.S. culture, and assist in providing a model of English language oral skills. Yokkaichi is looking for those who enjoy working with students. They may also be asked to work directly with the English language teachers in the schools to assist in their language skill development.

QUALIFICATIONS: Applicants must be a U.S. citizen and have completed a Bachelor's degree (in any subject) by **May 2012** and live, work or attend school in the City of Long Beach area. Previous educational experience is an advantage, as is an interest in Japan and a high adaptability to another culture. Successful candidates must be available to accept a two-year appointment beginning **August 1, 2012** with the air flight to Japan on or near **July 30, 2012**.

CONDITIONS: Successful applicants will receive round-trip airfare between Los Angeles and Japan provided by the City of Yokkaichi. Monthly tax-free salary will be **340,000 Japanese yen**. Vacation leave will be in accordance with Yokkaichi city policy.

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