Title of Project: English Teacher Assistant

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Duration: 4 weeks minimum.

Location: Central Poland

Position Description:
Assist teachers and camp directors with everyday summer camp activities, teach English to Polish youth (6-18 yrs. old) and lead workshops on American culture and traditions. You will solidify your understanding of our rapidly growing world, and begin to recognize the impact of your own presence in a global context.

Qualifications:

- Must be team players,
- Adopt easily to new environments.
- Experience working with youth (after school programs, summer camps, etc) desired.
- Native speakers of English or bilingual Spanish, Japanese, Korean.
- Candidate does need to speak Polish.

Housing: Students will be provided with accommodation, some meals, and local field trips. Students will be picked up/ dropped off at the closest airport in Poland.

For more info: Please, visit: Website: www.travelnstudy.com

Funding: $2500 Available through the LEEP Fellows Program. Participants will pay a program fee of $1,100 per trip (covers 4 weeks). Program Fees cover: Accommodation, some meals, local field trips, and transportation to and from airport.

How to Apply:
To apply for the position, students would apply directly to the organization. And provide include short statement as why they want to pursue the program in Poland this summer and attach a recommendation letter.

To apply for LEEP Funding and to be considered as a LEEP fellow, students must secure the position and complete the LEEP Fellows Application Process by March 3 (for early decision) or April 14th. Students will be required to submit a resume, cover letter, and a proposal outlining how they will complete their project.

Additional position information is available through Clark Recruiter. (Recommendation letters should be emailed directly to rmaddox@clarku.edu)
About the Locations:

ADVENTURE SEEKERS (Polish: Poszukiwacze Przygod), established in 2002, is a youth organization based in Gdansk that provides Polish youth with a variety of short term (12 days long) recreational and education summer programs in different locations in Poland; mountains, lakes, and at the Baltic Sea. Over the past summers American student volunteers were placed either in small towns at Baltic Sea or Kaszuby Lake region, both Northern Poland, approx 1-2 hours from Gdansk. Students volunteer to run English conversation with Polish youth (ages 13-18), they also run workshops on American culture, Higher Education (college application process, college life), and American sports. The activities take place in small groups of 8-15 students under the direction of a group leader and the student volunteer. This organization welcomes native speakers of English, as well as Spanish speakers. Student volunteers are mentored by language teachers from Poland. Japanese and Korean speakers have been placed in Southern Poland, small towns close to Tatra Mountains, about 2 hours from Krakow.

Some of the programs that were held over the past years include: English 24/7; Direction: College; Summer Chill in English; Hablamos Espanol; Japanese language and Culture; Anime and Manga; Hallyu- Korean trend, etc. The organization provides accommodation (shared rooms, all with private bathroom), all meals, trips to local sites of attractions according to schedule, as well as transportation from/to the closest airport or train station: Gdansk (GDN) or Krakow (KRK). The minimum commitment is 3 weeks and the start/end dates are flexible (anytime from the last week of June to the third week of August). Priority is given to students who can commit to longer periods of time.

COMPAS (Polish: Kompas), established in 1998, is a youth organization, also based in Gdansk, that organizes Adventure summer camps with English for Polish youth. The camps include recreation, creative workshops (music, singing, dance, theater, art) and education (English language) component and are designed for 2 different age groups: 7-12, and 13-18 years old. American students volunteers are being placed either at vacation towns of Leba or Jastrzebia Gora at Baltic Sea, approx. 2-3 hours from Gdansk or in small, picturesque village of Podlesice in Jura Krakowsko-Czestochowska region, small mountains region, between Krakow and Czestochowa, approx. 1,5 hrs. from KRK airport in Krakow. The organization provides accommodation (shared rooms, all with private bathroom in a nice vacation hotel, all meals, and trips to local sites of attractions according to the schedule. There is no pick up from the airport, however volunteers can ride the bus with camp participant from selected large cities in Poland (Krakow, Gdansk, Warsaw) on specific dates (the start/end of the summer camp). The organization ask that the volunteers stay for the full duration of at least 2 summer camps (24 days) according to the schedule.

LANGUAGE SCHOOL "THE BEST", is a small foreign language school in Kostrzyn nad Odra that provides additional English and German language instructions to youth in an after school program during the school year and organizes 12 days long summer camp with English for its students (3 different age groups 10-12, 13-15, 16-19) in July/August in Tatra Mountains, southern Poland. American volunteers are asked to arrive earlier to the language school based in Kostrzyn nad Odra to assist with the camp preparation, from where they will be riding the bus with the campers to Zakopane area (about 8 hours bus ride). Minimum commitment 3 weeks. Please note that this is a very active summer camp that includes every day hiking of beautiful Tatra Mountains, and white water rafting on Dunajec River. Our American volunteers are expected to participate in those activities. The language school provides accommodation (shared rooms, all with private bathroom in a nice vacation hotel, and in a small apartment before the start of the camp, all meals, plenty of outdoor activities according to the schedule, as well as transportation from/to the closest airport: Berlin, Germany. The town of Kostrzyn nad Odra is approx. 1,5 hrs from Berlin. The exact dates of this summer camp will be determined very soon. Last summer the camp took place from July 27-August 6, and year before July 23-August 2. We assume the dates this summer will be similar, end of July/beginning of August.