

TaLK Invitation Spring 2010

The 'TaLK (Teach and Learn in Korea)' program is inviting adventurous global leaders to teach English to students and to experience and learn about Korean culture. Sponsored by the Korean Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, 'TaLK' will sponsor individuals interested in gaining personal and professional enrichment through teaching and learning in Korea. The program is open to citizens of countries where English is the national language.

1. Program Description

Program participants will receive Korean government scholarships and teach English in after-school classes of Korean elementary schools while enjoying cultural experience programs organized by the Provincial Office of Education (hereinafter "POE"). TaLK scholars will be placed in schools in rural areas in need of greater exposure to English and teach the language by forming one-on-one working partnerships with Korean co-workers. The TaLK team is looking for applicants who have a desire to work with children, are service-focused and are considerate of others with a positive attitude.

2. Eligibility

1) Nationality

Applicants must be a citizen of one of the following countries where the national language is English: Australia, Canada, New Zealand, U.K., U.S.A., Ireland, and South Africa.

- Korean Nationals with permanent residency in the above countries are also eligible.

2) Education

Applicants must have completed at least two or more years of education at an accredited university or graduated from an accredited community college in the countries aforementioned.

- University graduates and graduate school students are also eligible.
- Overseas Koreans in their 1st or 2nd year of university/college are also eligible.

3) Work-related Qualification

■ Applicants must:

- have a good command of spoken and written English.
- meet the criteria of eligibility for the E2(Foreign Language Instructor), the F4(Overseas Korean), or the F2 (Spouse of a Korean) visa.
- be both mentally and physically sound and capable of performing assigned duties and responsibilities.

**Medical checkup will be conducted during the orientation after arrival in Korea; if the test results reveal that a scholar has any serious disease(s) which is infectious or may keep him/her from performing duties & responsibilities (e.g. drug addiction, AIDS, etc.), the scholarship will be cancelled and the scholar must return to his/her home country at his/her own expense.

■ Preference will be given to those with:

- a degree in Education, English, or subjects related to Korea.
- excellent academic records and relevant experience.

3. Job Description & Responsibility

1) General Information

- All TaLK scholars are not permitted to engage in any activities (including part-time jobs) during the whole contract term and are required to participate in a 4 week preparatory Orientation program.
- The duties of the TaLK scholars are carried out under the guidance of the supervisor designated by the POE.

2) Job Description

- To teach English in after-school classes in the elementary school designated by the POE: 15 hours a week
- To prepare teaching materials and activities for English language education
- To assist with activities related to English language education and other extra curricular activities organized by the school, the POE, or the community

4. Contract Term and Place of Work

1) Contract Term

The contract terms are for the duration of either 6 months or one year. The contract may be extended for an additional period not to exceed two (2) years in total. Any male, overseas Koreans who have not fulfilled their military duty (unless they have received an official waiver) are strongly suggested to choose the 6-month contract term.

- 6-month contract : February 1, 2010 - July 31, 2010
- 1 year contract : February 1, 2010 - January 31, 2011

2) Place of Work

■ The POE will decide placements in accordance with its quota. Refusal of placement may result in disqualification from the program.

■ List of Provincial/ Metropolitan Offices of Education

- Incheon
- Daegu
- Daejeon
- Ulsan
- Busan
- Gangwon
- Chungbuk
- Chungnam
- Jeollabuk
- Jeollanam
- Gyeongbuk
- Gyeongnam
- Jeju

5. Benefits

1) Monthly Stipend

Payment of monthly stipend(a fixed amount of 1,500,000 KRW) begins in March 2010. *During the preparatory orientation in February, room & board will be provided instead of the monthly stipend.*

2) Settlement Subsidy (one-time payment)

A fixed amount of 300,000 KRW is given soon after school placement.

3) Accommodation or Fixed Monthly Rent

The POE will decide the type of accommodation for each scholar (e.g. a studio-type room or a home- stay). If a scholar wishes to make his or her own accommodation arrangement, a rent subsidy (a fixed fee of 400,000 KRW) will be provided instead. *Any fees, charges, taxes, expenses, etc. incurred in using the apartment shall be borne by the individual.*

4) Round-trip Airfare

Upon acceptance to the TaLK program, a one-way, economy-class international flight ticket will be provided, as well as a return ticket at the completion of the contract term.

5) Traveler's Health Insurance

All TaLK scholars are entitled to traveler's health insurance throughout the TaLK scholarship period. The selection of the insurance company is arranged under the direction of your POE, and the claim process may differ depending on the company policy.

6) Paid Leave

6-month contract	7 days (based on a 5 day work week)
12-month contract	14 days - 7 days per semester (based on a 5 day work week)

Note: Paid leave must be requested 15 days in advance (possibly in writing) and must be authorized by the Principal.

7) Sick Leave ** A doctor's medical report/ a physician note must be submitted if taken for 3 days or more.

6 / 12-month contract	3 days (based on a 5 day work week)
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8) TaLK Orientation

- As an easier transition and networking opportunity, the TaLK Orientation is designed to give you the foundation you need to make a successful start into your teaching career as well as helping you adjust to life in Korea. You will gain an insight to life as a TaLK scholar and a chance to have your questions/concerns answered during this orientation period. You will also have the opportunity to meet with your POE supervisor, co-teacher and Korean scholar(s) and to spend some time with them for team building and ice breaking activities.
- All expenses including food, accommodation, participation in activities, etc. during the Orientation will be covered by the TaLK Program. *If, for any reason, you fail to complete the Orientation, it will be considered as a breach of your contract.*

9) Buddy System

POE-designated Korean scholars will be made available based on your Korean proficiency to help you adjust to Korean life as well as run and manage the after-school classes. Please note that Korean scholars may not be assigned to those who are well aware of Korean culture and language.

10) Government Scholar Certificate

A certificate of Korean Government Scholarship will be presented at the end of the contract term to those who have successfully participated and completed all required parts of the TaLK program.

11) Cultural Experience Programs

A variety of programs for experiencing the Korean culture will be offered under the independent supervision of the POE. Cultural experiences may be held on weekends or weekdays when scholars are free (e.g. public holidays) or which the POE arranges.

6. Application Instructions and Information

1) TaLK Online Application

- All applicants are required to complete the online application (Part A & B) by creating an account on the TaLK website at www.talk.go.kr.
- All hard-copy originals and other application documents must be received at the application office by the set deadline.

2) Application Offices

- **Australia** : Korean Embassy/Consulate in *Canberra & Sydney*
- **Canada** : Korean Embassy/Consulate in *Toronto, Montreal & Vancouver*
- **UK** : Korean Embassy/Consulate in *London*
- **USA** : Korean Embassy/Consulate in *DC, Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Honolulu, Houston, LA, New York, San Francisco, & Seattle*
- **New Zealand** : Korean Embassy/Consulate in *Wellington & Auckland*

- **Korea** : TaLK Office in *Seoul*

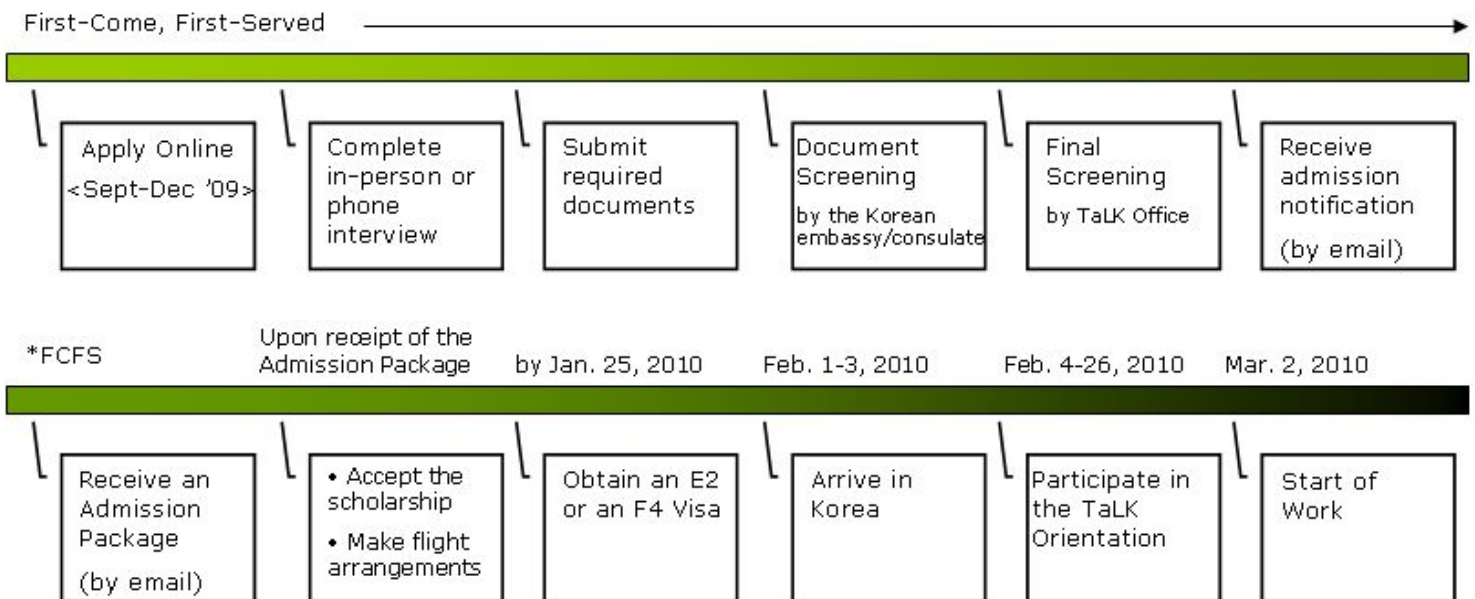
** Applicants residing Ireland or South Africa are to apply directly to the TaLK Office in Seoul.

** When selecting the application office online, any applicants staying in Korea at the time of application must select *Seoul TaLK Office* on the Location menu.

3) Checklist of Items Required for a complete application

- Application Part A : applicant profile & photo(in JPEG format)
- Application Part B : personal essay & medical self-assessment
- Application Support Materials :
 - _____ A Lesson Plan
 - _____ A Sealed or notarized official transcript (College level)
 - _____ Two signed & sealed recommendation letters
 - _____ An Original Criminal Record Check (County Level)
 - _____ A copy of passport photo page
 - _____ A copy of Permanent Residency Certificate (for Korean Nationals)

4) Application Process & Timeline



5) Contact Information

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