

Internship Title: English Instruction Intern**Placement Site: Orphanage operated by YMCA/YWCA of Chengdu, China**Internship Details and Responsibilities:

- 6-credit spring/fall semester internship with a 10-15 week commitment.
- Work full-time (35-40 hours per week), Monday through Thursday in orphanage.
 - ❖ Orphanage, located in Jintang, is 1.25 hours from Chengdu, a growing metropolitan city of 7 million people in southwest China.
- Provide English language instruction during the day at a nearby middle school and homework assistance during the evening at the orphanage. (Transportation to the middle school is provided.)
 - ❖ Assist with activities; engage in one-on-one language tutoring; interact with children informally.
- Spend weekends (Thursday night through Sunday evening) in Chengdu.
 - ❖ Some additional evening or weekend obligations may be possible.

Benefits:

- Housing, food, most transportation, and a stipend are provided.
 - ❖ Near orphanage, housing consists of a single bedroom and study area, with a private restroom with shower and an Eastern-style toilet. Transportation to and from the orphanage is provided, and all meals are provided.
 - ❖ In Chengdu, housing is a fully-furnished, modern apartment with two bedrooms and a shared bathroom (western-style toilet and shower), kitchen, and living space; wireless internet, a/c, and other amenities are provided at no cost. Interns are given bicycles for use during internship, and lunches are provided. Monthly stipend of US\$100 will suffice for purchasing groceries for breakfast and dinner, along with other necessities (per capita yearly income averages US\$4,500). Apartment is located within walking distance of the Chengdu YMCA/YWCA and a major modern shopping district.
- Chengdu is home to major cultural, historical, and anthropological attractions, including:
 - ❖ China's national panda sanctuaries
 - ❖ Major archaeological sites (such as the ancient Jinsha Ruins)
 - ❖ Museums, teahouses, and numerous annual festivals.
- Assistance will be provided with locating a faculty sponsor, completing required clearances, and obtaining a visa.
- Constant contact with JCC-based faculty sponsor and support staff.

Requirements:

- Internship must be completed for credit (six credit-hours)
- Student is responsible for:
 - ❖ securing and purchasing transportation to and from Chengdu (approx. \$1500-2000 round-trip from BUF)
 - ❖ completing and paying for visa application process
 - ❖ completing all required background clearances.

Desired Candidate Qualifications:

- Completion of almost all program requirements prior to internship.
- An excellent academic record, preferably in one the following areas: Education, History, English, Human Services.
- Highly skilled in use of English language; flexible attitude; ability to adapt to a foreign immersion experience.

Important Notes:

- Students living in orphanage are 8-14 years old and have lost both parents; many have an adult (such as an aunt or uncle) in their lives who maintain regular contact.
- Degree progress and financial aid MUST be considered; ideally, student will be able to enroll in an additional six of online or other study to maintain full-time status. USA Scholars must be full-time students (enrolled in 12 credit-hours per semester) to maintain scholarship.