



CHINA WORK PLACEMENT

School of Education for Chinese Teachers (SECT)

Birmingham College

At Birmingham College we not only help prepare our students for the best experience but allow them an opportunity to establish an exceptional career.

We look forward to welcoming you on our exciting and rewarding Chinese experience - Programme Coordinator

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“The placement has secured in my own mind that teaching young people is an exciting and rewarding career path and this is something that I will be continuing in the future.”

- R. Newman

How to apply?

The quickest and most efficient method of applying for admission to the programme is to apply online or email detailing a brief introduction, research areas, university details, English language proficiency.

'Online', 'MS Word & PDF format' application forms are available on the www.bcol.co.uk
Contact the College directly via telephone: **00 44 121 212 0888** or email: in@bcol.co.uk



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As China opens its doors to commerce, trade and the West, there have been many changes and challenges in recent years. As a culturally and visually stimulating country, China is a unique destination to teach English in. Teaching English in China does not only enable you to catch a glimpse of this amazing country, but it is also a rewarding life experience.

Our placement partner Highway Class of Beijing Normal University is a professional institution serving the foundation education and training field across China, responsible for providing learning materials for early, primary and secondary stage child care and development studies, as well as providing teacher training and curriculum development. The School of Education for Chinese Teachers at Birmingham College (SECT) is linked to more than 500 schools in 31 provinces in China.

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BMI Building



Library Facility at BMI



Classroom



Lecture Theater



Café Bar



Student Services



FACILITIES AT THE COLLEGE

Programme Brief

The aim of this programme is to provide an opportunity to teach in a professional environment in China, enabling the applicants to improve their professional teaching skills, to develop personal direction, to enhance cross-cultural communication, to acquire a better understanding of Chinese culture and most importantly, to gain valuable life experience. Also a potential benefit of this work placement is that it could open doors to future employment opportunities in China.

In addition, it will not only strengthen the exchange of educational theories between institutions but also greatly enhance the exchange of Chinese and British traditions and culture.

Why take part?

- ▶ An opportunity to experience the real China.
- ▶ Improve and expand any existing teaching knowledge.
- ▶ Experience teaching in an entirely different environment.
- ▶ Open your mind to a different way of life.
- ▶ The possibility of future work in China. At a time where trade, commerce and relations with the West are of high importance.

What will be included?

We offer successful candidates a very good package which puts the applicant's welfare above profit. The package includes:

- ▶ Return flights to China from a UK airport.* Based on the best-value ticket price for the desired departure date.* Alternative arrangements for applicants outside of the UK
- ▶ An introduction to Chinese culture session at Birmingham College. (Applicants are also encouraged to take part in the College's teacher training programme.)
- ▶ Visa arranged prior to travel
- ▶ Two nights in Beijing, including free hotels, free food, free travel and tickets to the Great Wall, the Forbidden City, the Bird Nest and the Water Cube!
- ▶ Teaching hours will be about 20 hours per week, for 6, 8 or 12 weeks, successful applicants can be placed at various points throughout the year.
- ▶ Students will be assigned to professional education institutes, ranging from primary schools, secondary schools and training schools, to colleges or universities. All placements that we offer are in our partnership schools, which are safe, reputable and with whom we have strong links.
- ▶ Applicants will have 24 hour access to a placement co-ordinator from your school should there be any problems or any areas for concern.
- ▶ Free accommodation during their work placement period will be provided.
- ▶ The schools generally offer twin rooms with an individual bathroom or shared bathrooms on corridors.
- ▶ Successful applicants also have the option to stay in hostels or hotels at their own expense, and may seek help and get information from our Chinese coordinators.
- ▶ Free food during their work placement period will also be provided.
- ▶ Traditional Chinese food will be offered. Chinese coordinators will select the menu, according to the applicants' dietary requirements. For example, a popular Chinese breakfast could be noodles, stuffed bread, or twisted dough-strips with soybean milk. Lunch is usually offered by the school canteen, and the dinner could be a staff meal or a similar arrangement.



- ▶ Travel and visits to other places some weekends will be arranged, any additional travel costs will be notified in advance.
- ▶ Students will also gain a placement certificate from the School of Education for Chinese Teachers training at Birmingham College.
- ▶ The possibility to teach at educational institutes in China as a result of taking part in this programme is likely to arise in the future.

How much will it cost?

- ▶ 6 weeks £1,500
- ▶ 8 weeks £1,750
- ▶ 12 weeks £2,000

Including: Flights, visa, food, accommodation, sightseeing in Beijing, Introduction to Chinese culture and discount on Birmingham College teacher training course. *If traveling on a fixed departure date set by the College.*

Entry Requirements

- ▶ Applicants must be over 18 years of age.
- ▶ A degree (in any subject) is desirable, but not essential.
- ▶ No previous teaching experience is necessary; however, successful applicants are encouraged to undertake the College's teacher training programme to show an active commitment to teaching.

- ▶ All applicants must show a good knowledge of the English language.
- ▶ Non-native speakers must be of a near native speaker level and hold recent supporting qualifications.

Programme Structure



A teaching work placement certificate will be issued when students complete their placement.

