# **APPLICATION FAQ**

#### How do I apply for the CAP?

You can either fill contact form on our website or send your resume and cover letter directly to team@linkedtoasia.org to apply.

#### What is the application process like?

- 1. Send resume and cover letter to team@linkedtoasia.org
- 2. If you are qualified, you will be invited for an interview through Skype or Wechat.
- 3. Wait for your acceptance letter which will be sent out to you after the interview.
- 4. You will be guided by a placement liaison to submit all the required documents and complete online Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) training. The TEFL training has two components online and in person. You will complete the online training prior to your trip to China and the in person training upon your arrival to China
- 5. You will be assigned a host school and apply for working visa.
- 6. Obtain a working visa and plan your trip to China for orientation.
- 7. Arrive at your host school to start the CAP.

# Is there an age limit for CAP participants?

There is no age limit, however, CAP is conceived as youth to youth support and cultural exchange program. If you understand the CAP goals and have the capacity to achieve these goals, you are welcome to apply. CAP does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, religion, gender or sexual orientation

#### Where can I interview for the CAP?

In order to save time and make it more convenient for participants, we conduct the interview through Skype or Wechat.

#### What's the best way to contact the CAP?

We encourage you to contact us through email: team@linkedtoasia.org for any emergencies please call our local lines

# I am not a native English speaker, but I speak fluent English, can I still apply?

According to the working visa restriction, we are only able to accept participants who hold a passport from the following countries United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland or South Africa.

#### Do I need to know Chinese to be eligible?

CAP has no Mandarin language requirement. CAP provides Mandarin language learning to all participants after their arrival.

## What kind of applicants are you looking for?

CAP recruits participants from a variety of cultural, personal, and academic backgrounds. Participants who demonstrate a background in Chinese studies or in TEFL/TESOL may have an advantage in the application process. More than any specialization, CAP looks for flexible, open-minded, and enthusiastic young people with a genuine interest in China, English education, and engaging in education and cultural exchange.

# **GENERAL FAQ**

#### Where will I be placed?

CAP mostly places participants for one year in second or third tier cities with less educational resources. The program lasts approximately 10 months and follows the school year, which is between the end of August and the beginning of July.

#### Can I request a specific location for placement?

Yes. While we do our best to honor the wishes of our participants, not all placement requests can be met. We advise all applicants to prepare for the possibility of not receiving their desired placements.

#### Can I apply before I have obtained my degree?

As long as you can receive your degree before the program starts, you are welcome to apply.

#### Will I still be considered if I have a criminal record?

The working visa requires a clear criminal record check; therefore, we are not able to accept participants with any previous criminal record.

# Do I need to attend the TEFL training if I have already had a TEFL or TESOL certificate or more than two years teaching experience?

You do not need to attend the TEFL training if you have 120 hours TEFL/TESOL certificate or more than two years teaching experience. If you are looking for professional teaching position rather than one year cultural and education exchange opportunity, we are able to help you to achieve your goals by placing you in a major city.

# Can I extend my contract after completion of the program? What other options do I have?

Yes, you can. We can also help you find a professional teaching positions in other schools with better package after the completion of the CAP.

#### What does the provided health insurance cover?

The health insurance we provide covers all the medical conditions that happen during your stay in China, including in-patient, out-patient and emergency. However, it does not cover any pre-existing conditions.

#### What does my accommodation look like?

Participants will be arranged living either on-campus or off-campus of the host school. All the furniture and facilities are provided. However, off-campus accommodation might not have a kitchen.

## What is religious freedom like in China?

Foreign nationals are free to practice their respective religion in China as long as this does not include proselytizing.

## What kind of cultural interaction do I receive through my program?

Host schools will organize regular cultural events for participants, including local opera, Chinese tea culture, Han costume culture, Mandarin language lessons, and local nature excursions. More importantly the relationships you build with the people of China will be the best way to understand the culture of China.

# What is there to do for fun?

In your free time you can catch a live music concert or a traditional Chinese show at one of the local venues or just check out a new park, restaurant, or coffee shop. You can also take advantage of the well-established train transportation network and go to Beijing to see the Forbidden Palace, visit the bustling Hong Kong, or check out a small traditional village on the ancient Silk Road. If you feel like visiting a different country hop on a plane for a short flight to Japan, Korea, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia or any other Asian country you would like to spend a weekend.

#### How might the current political climate affect my experience in China?

Over the past few years, we have not seen any negative effects of global politics affecting foreigners. Our program is educational and cultural in nature and as such is far removed from political affiliations. You may be asked to participate in comparative discussions of world politics, but you are not required nor have to engage in any of these discussions. Most Chinese nationals are happier just interacting with native speakers and practicing their English. Their primary focuses will be improving their knowledge of the world through active communication.

# STILL HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?

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