

# IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

## Teacher Education

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENT TEACHING NEXT STEPS FALL 2017

This important handout will provide you with the **6 steps you need to complete** to be a candidate for Iowa State University's International Student Teaching (IST) program. Those steps are:

- ISU Student Teaching Application (due Jan. 30 – Feb. 3)
- Learn about IST programs and pick top destination(s)
- IST Application (due Feb. 8)
- IST Interviews (Feb. 9 & 10)
- IST Scholarship Application (due March 1)
- IST notification and program commitment

**Tentative dates:** International student teachers depart approximately **Monday, October 16** (departure varies slightly by country), and students return **Tuesday, December 12, 2017**. Students who elect to remain abroad beyond December 12 are required to sign a waiver.

#### STEP 1: STUDENT TEACHING APPLICATION DUE JANUARY 30-FEBRUARY 3

Please complete your student teaching applications (two parts) as directed by the student teaching coordinator, and submit documents during Decision Point Two on your scheduled date between Jan. 30 – Feb. 3rd. On page three of the "Request for Student Teaching Placement" form, list "International" as your first choice under preferred locations for student teaching. All international student teaching takes place during the second 8 weeks of the term. **You'll need to list a 2nd preference under "International" in case you are not selected for an IST placement.**

You can find forms needed to apply for student teaching at <http://iastate.tk20.com>

#### STEP 2: LEARN AS MUCH AS YOU CAN ABOUT EACH LOCATION

During the Fall 2017 term, student teachers may be placed in Cuenca, Ecuador; Schwäbisch Gmünd, Germany; Alexandra, New Zealand; Rosendal, Norway, or Kaohsiung, Taiwan. During the Spring term Rome, Italy, and Krosno, Poland are also options.

More teaching information for each location can be found here:

<http://www.education.iastate.edu/undergraduate-studies/undergraduate-applicants/student-teaching/#international>

Read former students' IST reflections on the International Connection's website:

<http://www.hs.iastate.edu/intlconnections/>

Consider researching more details about each location. The CIA's "World Factbook" is an excellent resource for reviewing each country, and <http://www.bbc.com/news/world> does an excellent job of covering world news by region. Also read about education systems in each country.

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### STEP 3: INTERNATIONAL STUDENT TEACHING APPLICATION DUE WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 8

Apply for the IST program through "ISUAbroad" at: <http://isuabroad.iastate.edu/?go=IntlTeaching>  
The IST application must be completed electronically. **References are required as part of the application, so it is important to contact your potential references before starting the application process, and preferably give them at least one week to complete the form!** You should get their approval before entering their email address, as each reference receives an automated email once you enter their email.

**Reference 1:** an individual who has observed you working with children or young adults

**Reference 2:** a "character" reference (ex: an advisor, work supervisor, clergy, etc.)

### STEP 4: INTERNATIONAL STUDENT TEACHING INTERVIEW

This is a formal 20-minute interview, please dress professionally. Come prepared to talk about why you would like to participate in an international student teaching experience. Consider what the IST program will add to your professional trajectory and how it might influence your teaching style or benefit your students in the future.

**You must sign-up for an interview by February 8 at NOON to be considered. The interview dates are Thursday, February 9 from 1:00-4:00 PM, and Friday, February 10 from 10:30AM-4:00 PM.** You may sign-up for this interview at the "International and Outside Locations Open House" on January 18, or sign-up in the Teacher Education Services office in 133 MacKay Hall with Ann Pierce between January 18 and February 8 at NOON.

**The Interview location is in 1009 LeBaron Hall.**

### STEP 5: INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

The College of Human Sciences International Programs Office scholarship portal can be found here: <http://isuabroad.iastate.edu/?go=CHSScholarship>

You are eligible for two scholarships, the Ester Catherine Harmon Scholarship and the International Experience Scholarships, as well as the CHS Tuition Award. **ALL STUDENTS applying for an IST program should apply for the CHS Tuition Award**, as it is a guaranteed \$800 reduction on the cost of the program, as long as you apply for it!

**The CHS scholarship portal WILL CLOSE on MARCH 1, 2017 at 5:00 pm.**

If your home college is not Human Sciences, you are encouraged to check with your home college for additional scholarship opportunities. Check with ISU Financial Aid and outside organizations for other funding sources, including:

<http://www.hs.iastate.edu/current-students/scholarships/>

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**Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship (for Pell Grant Recipients).** Learn more about the Gilman Scholarship at [www.iie.org/gilman](http://www.iie.org/gilman). You can also contact a Gilman advisor at: [gilmanadvisors@iie.org](mailto:gilmanadvisors@iie.org) Some brief information about eligibility requirements is as follows:

- ***Gilman scholarship applications are due March 7 by 11:59pm CST***
- Enrolled as an undergraduate student at a two or four-year U.S. Institution
- United States citizen
- **Receiving a Federal Pell Grant at the time of application or during the term abroad**
- Study in any country not currently under a U.S. State Department Travel Warning

## STEP 6: NOTIFICATION AND COMMITMENT

Students will be notified by email or phone **no later than February 15 at NOON**. If offered a placement for fall 2017 International Student Teaching, Ann Pierce, International Student Teaching Coordinator will also share with you the remaining steps you will need to complete. **You will have until February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 to accept the offer in writing** (via email is acceptable).

### IMPORTANT NOTE:

Every site requires the payment of a Program Fee which varies widely per site. **This fee is IN ADDITION to the ISU tuition and fees you normally pay.** The Program Fee covers the field experience coordination, placement in a local school in the host country, orientation and materials, academic coordination of the program, supervision by your site coordinator, required CISI travel insurance (\$1.31/day). Additionally, some sites include more, such as housing, excursions, and/or language lessons. Please refer to the budget handouts you were given during the open house when preparing your fall 2017 budget.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the fall 2017 International Student Teaching program, please contact either of the individuals below, or one of the site coordinators listed on the bottom of your budget handout. We look forward to supporting you on the opportunity of a lifetime!

Kind regards,

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