

## General Information about the Programme

For decades, the IEAS has had a successful cooperation with several boarding schools in various parts of England. The Teaching Assistant Programme enables a selected number of students from Frankfurt to gain valuable work experience while spending a year abroad. Arriving in August and staying until June, the teaching assistants will be part of a remarkable school community for a whole academic year as a member of the teaching staff in the Languages Department. The TAs will sign a contract with the school and will receive a salary for their work.

There are coeducational, all-boys or all-girls schools and for some of them boarding activities and duties can be part of the job description. In general, active participation in the wider school life (music, sports, drama, art) is much appreciated and fostered.



## List of Schools for 2026-27

- Eton College
- Christ's Hospital, Horsham
- Giggleswick School, North Yorkshire
- St. Paul's School, London
- Rugby School

## Job Description – What do I have to do as a Teaching Assistant?

The main purpose of the TA's work entails preparing the English pupils for their German exams with a special emphasis on fostering communication i.e. speaking skills. Therefore, you can have class sessions, group sessions or individual sessions with the pupils. In addition, assisting the German teacher can be required in some lessons and in some schools team teaching is possible.

As the German TA you will also be an expert of the German language. Moreover, you will be an ambassador not only for Goethe University but also for the Germany i.e. the German immigrant society. Activities connected to German e.g. German popular culture, literature, music or arts, can be initiated, hence you should motivate the students by presenting authentic material and providing interesting insights.

## Expectations – Which characteristics and qualities are the schools looking for?

Since all the schools have high standards and an outstanding reputation, the German Assistant should be able to meet certain professional as well as inter-personal expectations:

- Knowledge and competencies regarding the German language and culture
- Reliability, dedication and a good sense of responsibility
- Motivation, initiative and curiosity
- Willingness to be part of the school and to work hard

## Application Process – How do I apply and what will follow?

Applications can be handed in once a year usually at the beginning of the winter semester.

Your application must be in English and (since it will be sent to the schools) must not contain German expressions:

- CV including voluntary / charity work, personal interests etc.
- Letter of Motivation
- Transcript of attended courses at GUF
- *English Teacher (E-)Portfolio*
- Two academic references (at least one by a university lecturer)

Please send your application as ONE PDF! Your application will be checked and evaluated as quickly as possible and successful applicants will be invited to an **interview soon afterwards**. These interviews will be held at GUF at the beginning of October with representatives from the IEAS and in some cases there will be another interview with one of the schools (possibly over Zoom or similar).

Eventually, the successful candidates will be assigned to a school. You will receive a **confirmation** at the beginning of the WS25/26.

Please note also that due to Brexit, a visa needs to be applied for. This is why your application will also need to be submitted to the PAD / Pädagogischer Auslandsdienst hence a short additional interview with the PAD is possible.

## Benefits – Why Should I Apply?

The Teaching Assistant Programme offers a unique opportunity to gain work experience abroad and be part of a professional team of highly motivated educators in an outstanding environment. This allows you to develop both personally and professionally.

### Personal Benefits

- Independence and self-reliance
- Open-mindedness
- Intercultural experiences
- Lifelong contacts and friendships

### Professional Benefits

- Improve your English language skills
- Gain teaching experience (possibly in your second subject as well)
- Insights into the British school system and daily life in a public / boarding school
- Embodied cultural knowledge

### Almost a Scholarship

Additionally, most schools will provide accommodation and usually meals on campus. You will also typically have access to the school's sports facilities. Furthermore, you will usually receive a salary for your work, making selection for this programme comparable to receiving a scholarship. Please note that for this reason, the TA programme cannot be acknowledged as a Praktikum / Praxissemester.



### APPLICATION TIMELINE

#### At the beginning of...

July, 2025 → Online info meeting  
Sept, 2025 → Application deadline  
Oct, 2025 → Interviews at IEAS  
Aug / Sept, 2026 → Start assistantship

### SEND APPLICATIONS TO (all in one file!)

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Institute of English and American Studies  
Department of Didactics / Teacher Training

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