Where to look for International Teaching Opportunities

Any student seeking employment abroad is strongly encouraged to research the employer as much as possible (reputation, work conditions, etc.), and NEVER pay a headhunter a finder’s fee for a job. There are a lot of scammers out there.

HELPFUL SITES (many of the job boards listed above have hot links to other job boards):

Career & Employment Services Resources (K-State): www.ksu.edu/ces (main page) www.ksu.edu/ces/students/jobsitesbycareerfieldeducation.htm (specific to education)


 Department of Defense (DOD): www.dodea.edu

 ESL Café: www.eslcafe.com - One of the better sites for US citizens seeking work overseas. The discussion board is especially useful to look up the reputation of employers. For example, a university in the UAE is putting their new teachers in sub-standard housing (after keeping them in hotels for weeks).

ezine: http://www.transitionsabroad.com

International Schools Services: www.iss.edu

Japan Exchange & Teaching program (JET): www.jetprogramme.org Teach in middle or high school for a year.

Teach and Learn in Korea (TaLK): http://www.talk.go.kr/ Teach English in elementary age after-school classes

Peace Corps: www.peacecorps.gov - The Peace Corps is one of the world's most successful and respected development organizations. Part of the Peace Corps' success is due to the dedicated people who work behind the scenes to support the agency and the thousands of Volunteers serving overseas.

Private Opportunities: One way to work in Europe is to enroll in a language school and get a student visa. This will allow the individual to legally work a certain number of hours (or teach privately and get paid “under the table”).

Riley Guide: www.rileyguide.com/internat.html - a comprehensive list of various sites that offer all types of international opportunities. Click a specific country and go.

State Department: www.state.gov/m/a/os - offers a listing of organizations that hire teachers overseas. The Department of State does not directly hire teachers.

The American School in Switzerland (and England): www.tasis.com Since this school is based on the American model, they hire US citizens even for their school in England. It's a prep school (K-12).

TEFL: www.tefl.com - This web site is more Euro-centric, but most job postings will read EU citizens only (or preferred). There are many jobs for US citizens, however.

TESOL: www.tesol.org - (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages). They have a job board. Also, the next conference (and hiring fair!) is March 24-27 in Boston.

Taiwan Opportunities: www.hess.com.tw

University of Michigan: www.internationalcenter.umich.edu/swt/work/options/qualteach-main.html - Information for Qualified Teachers; www.internationalcenter.umich.edu/swt/work/options/teach-no-main.html - Information for non-certified Teachers