

Full-Time High School Teacher of English Literature and Language Arts in Tokyo

International Christian University High School, Tokyo seeks a full-time English language arts teacher with high proficiency in English to teach motivated Japanese senior high school students, many with high proficiency in English, starting April 2023 (September 2023 start negotiable).

International Christian University High School is a private Japanese senior high school (age range 15-18) with an international English program, situated on the campus of International Christian University in Koganei City in Tokyo.

The vast majority of our students are Japanese and about two-thirds of the students have lived abroad for varying lengths of time. As a result, many have become fluent in English and/or other languages.

Part of the school's mission is to welcome these students back into the Japanese education system and prepare them for entrance into university. We do this by providing a friendly, liberal environment which combines the requirements of the Japanese education system with an understanding of the individual needs and skills students bring as a result of their sojourns abroad.

The purpose of the school's English curriculum is to nurture students' English abilities, not only so they can be successful in their university applications, but also so they can make full use of their multilingual skills in adulthood. We believe firmly in the power of literature and its ability to stimulate student thought, discussion, writing, and performance.

The candidate for this position should have the ability to create and conduct engaging classes about English literature. An ideal candidate would be someone who could tell their own stories and make them come alive, help students see the deeper layers of literature through stimulating interpretations, have some creative flair, a good sense of humour, and a passion for working with teenagers from a variety of backgrounds.

As the name suggests, the school has Christianity classes, but the religious beliefs and backgrounds of teachers, staff and students are diverse. However, occasional participation in Christian events is required, and we ask that candidates respect the Christian spirit of the school. Christian candidates are encouraged to apply, but candidates do not necessarily have to be Christian.

For candidates from outside of Japan who do not have a Japanese teaching license, the initial contract will be for two years, which would then be changed to a permanent employment contract (retirement at 65) upon consultation between the candidate and the school.

【Teaching Duties】

16 class hours per week, Monday to Friday, approximately 25 students per class. The teacher is responsible for creating and marking assignments and exams, and carrying out assessment and grading of students each term. Classes are from 8:30 AM~3:30 PM. Full-time teachers have meetings and other duties on some days after school, and a few times a year on Saturdays.

【Salary】

Model Salary (salary, bonus, and exam benefits included)

- 2nd year salary of a 22-year-old with a bachelor's degree: 5.3 million yen (no dependency allowance, housing benefits included)
- 24-year-old with a master's degree: 5.6 million yen (no dependency allowance, housing benefits included)
- Salary for other ages disclosed upon request.

【Required】

Bachelor's (or higher) degree. The ability to work with current technology and conduct online classes when necessary.

【Desirable】

Specialized knowledge of, or a degree in English Literature highly desirable. Previous experience teaching high school, either in Japan or elsewhere, and some Japanese speaking ability.

【Focus areas】

Literature classes equivalent to those of US, Canada, or UK local schools, including Advanced Placement or UK 'A' Level; academic writing; drama, presentation, speaking, and listening skills. Classes are conducted in English as in international schools or local schools in English-speaking countries.

【Examples of texts currently taught (unabridged versions)】

The Tempest (Shakespeare), *The Importance of Being Earnest* (Wilde), *The Handmaid's Tale* (Atwood), *Jazz* (Morrison), *Nineteen Eighty-Four* (Orwell), *The Great Gatsby* (Fitzgerald), *Very Good, Jeeves* (Wodehouse), *The Thing Around Your Neck* (Adichie), *Never Let Me Go* (Ishiguro). We aim for a variety of modern and classic titles from around the world.

Teachers have the freedom to choose which texts they deem suitable for their classes.

【Other duties】

Guidance to students applying to universities overseas, attendance in weekly faculty and department meetings, general school duties, and committees.

【Deadline and Documents for Submission】

Send cover letter and résumé with email addresses of at least two work references by September 30th (Fri.) to Richard Round at icuhshiring@gmail.com.

【Living Expenses】

Average rent and living expenses per month for an individual living on their own in the suburbs of Tokyo:

- Rent: 65000 ~ 85000 yen per month for a one-room apartment, depending on the area
- Gas, and Water: 3000 yen
- Electricity: 5500 yen (more expensive during the summer and winter)
- Phone bills: 5000 yen
- Internet: 4000 yen (some buildings come with a free internet connection)
- Food, grocery expenses: 45000 yen
- Other: 10000 yen

= Total: 132500~ 152500 yen