

teach what you love

# APPLY TO BE A STUDENT TEACHER

**SUMMER 2025** 

inspire youth in Hong Kong



# **ABOUT US**

Founded in 1992, Summerbridge Hong Kong is a non-profit organization, which improves the educational trajectories of socioeconomically underprivileged students in Hong Kong, aged 13 to 15, by providing them with tuition-free quality English language education and personal development opportunities. For our student teachers, aged 16 to 22, we aim to foster crosscultural exchange and a sense of civic duty.

# **Students Teaching Students**

Our *students teaching students* model gives older students the opportunity to teach, administer programs, and become role models to younger students. Summerbridge is run almost entirely by a diverse group of young people from high schools and universities from around the world, including places like the US, UK, Canada, and Hong Kong. For our younger students, they get the unique chance to learn from talented young people in a safe and supportive Englishimmersion environment.

## Goals

#### FOR STUDENT TEACHERS

- Inspire young people to give back to their communities
- Promote cultural awareness through diversity
- Develop leadership skills
- Foster a love of teaching

#### **FOR STUDENTS**

- Improve English communication skills
- Raise self-confidence and interpersonal skills
- Foster a love of learning and leadership abilities
- Enhance study skills and provide academic support



# BEING A STUDENT TEACHER



Many Summerbridge student teachers describe the summer as an extraordinary community service experience that is both challenging and deeply fulfilling. The Summer Program is 8 weeks in length and offers you a unique opportunity to experience being an educator alongside a group of diverse and talented peers.

Prior to teaching, student teachers participate in teaching workshops, design their own curriculums, and learn about student backgrounds. Teaching a subject of their choice, student teachers work with classes of 8 to 10 students during the summer. In addition, student teachers work in teams to plan and implement sports, electives, and special events that provide students with even more opportunities to grow and learn.

# Why It Matters

We believe that all young people, regardless of socioeconomic status, deserve an opportunity to learn and grow in a community where human connection, compassion and creativity are celebrated. Summerbridge provides this space, where students can feel accepted and empowered, and can find their own voice and strengths. It is also a safe environment, in which mistakes are embraced as opportunities. The key to creating this environment is the dedication of our teachers, who bring together their diverse cultures and passions to make a positive impact and inspire students to believe that their dreams are possible.

## **2025 SUMMER PROGRAM**

#### **PROGRAM DATES:**

June 14: Staff Introduction Day

June 15 - Jun 19: Curriculum Planning

June 20 - June 30: Teacher Orientation

July 2 - August 3: Classes in session

August 4 - 8: Evaluation Week

#### TIME COMMITMENT

Monday - Friday, occasional work on weekends and public holidays, 40 hours/week

#### TIME CONFLICT?

If there is a conflict with your school schedule, please email us for more information.

# **HOW TO APPLY**

(no teaching experience required)

Download a Student Teacher application form from our website

## SUMMERBRIDGE.ORG.HK

# **DEADLINES**

Non-HK Residents - February 28, 2025 Hong Kong Residents - March 14, 2025

\*Deadlines vary due to time needed to obtain a visa

## STUDENT TEACHER TESTIMONIALS



"Being a student-teacher at Summerbridge was an incredibly fulfilling journey. My fellow student-teachers were passionate and dedicated, and all put in their 100%. The real stars of Summerbridge, though, were the students themselves. It was a privilege to experience the joy of connecting with these eager learners. Summerbridge is so much more than a summer school; it's a place to build lasting relationships, encourage personal growth, and make cherished memories with an incredible group of young individuals."

Isabella Lin, Hong Kong International School

"What makes the program so special is the way it makes us feel. At Summerbridge, we find ourselves at once a full individual and a part of a collective. We come to understand ourselves as complete and enough, while all the same recognizing the importance of dependence, community, and care. The coming together of the two is so rare, especially when so many of us have been taught that it is either the one or the other. I think that's what makes Summerbridge feel like home."



#### Sherry Tie, McGill University



"Having spent four summers with Summerbridge, I have seen students grow immensely in not just their English abilities, but also in their confidence, extroversion, and empathy. I have also seen the same personal growth in myself, with the program allowing me to work with a diverse range of people and placing me in roles that have pushed me out of my shell. Moreover, I am grateful for the program as it helped uncover my own passions for teaching and working with youth"

Justin Cheong, current French International School teacher







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