Teach and Learn in Korea (TaLK)

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■ Institution Description
The National Institute for International Education (NIIED) is a government organization established in 1965 to support and solidify education and cultural identity for overseas Koreans and to enhance international exchange and cooperation. As an executive agency under the Ministry of Education, Science & Technology of Korea, NIIED plays a leading role in strengthening national competitiveness by developing international human resources among overseas Koreans, exchanging students under national government scholarship programs, and providing educational administrative services.

■ Program Description
As a Government Scholarship Program, the Teach and Learn in Korea (TaLK) program was launched in August 2008 with the aim of strengthening public education as well as promoting global awareness of Korean culture. Funded by the Ministry of Education, Science & Technology of Korea, TaLK provides a unique opportunity for a firsthand experience of Korean culture and actual classroom practices of teaching for individuals interested in gaining personal and professional enrichment through teaching and learning in Korea.

This program recruits two groups of service-minded scholars from English-speaking countries for a six month to one year term; one group who is selected by the Korean Embassy/Consulate General and the other, exchange students whose home universities are in cooperation with TaLK-affiliated Korean universities. This program strives to appeal to current college students and recent graduates, with special consideration given to those of Korean ethnicity.
Program participants attend an intensive 4-week Orientation seminar upon arrival in Korea, which is designed to provide the foundation for the TaLK scholars to make a successful start into their teaching career as well as life in Korea. Upon successful completion of the orientation, TaLK scholars are placed at elementary schools in rural areas in need of greater exposure to English and teach the language 15 hours a week in after-school classes.

All TaLK scholars are encouraged to take advantage of the many opportunities they will have to learn more about Korean culture and to share their own culture with Koreans. A variety of cultural experience programs are arranged and offered under the independent supervision of the Provincial Office of Education (POE). A variety of programs for experiencing the Korean culture will be offered under the independent supervision of the POE. Cultural experiences may be held on weekends or weekdays under the POE discretion. More than 1,800 students around the world have participated and successfully completed this program.

- **Scholarship Term**: 6 months or 12 months (August or February Start)
- **Responsibilities**: Teaching English in after-school classes at elementary schools
- **Teaching Hours**: 15 hours a week
- **Language of Instruction**: English
- **Academic/Cultural Excursions**: Guided field trips throughout the South Korea
- **Eligibility Requirements**:

1) **Nationality**
Applicants must be a citizen of one of the following countries where the national language is English: Australia, Canada, New Zealand, U.K., U.S.A., Ireland, and South Africa.

2) **Education**
Applicants must be enrolled in undergraduate courses and have completed at least two years of education at an accredited university or graduated from an accredited community college in the aforementioned countries. (Overseas Koreans in their 1st or 2nd year of university/college are also eligible.)

3) **Work-related Qualification**
- Applicants must:
  - have a good command of spoken and written English.
  - meet the criteria of eligibility for the E2(Foreign Language Instructor).
  - be both mentally and physically sound and capable of performing assigned duties and responsibilities.
■ Preference will be given to those with:
  • a degree or majoring Education, English, or subjects related to Korea
  • excellent academic records and relevant experience.

■ Benefit :

1) Monthly Stipend
Payment of monthly stipend (a fixed amount of KRW 1,500,000) begins in March and September. *During the preparatory orientation in February and August, room, board & food will be provided.*

2) Settlement Subsidy (one-time payment)
A fixed amount of KRW 300,000 is given soon after school placement.

3) Accommodation or Fixed Monthly Rent
The POE will decide the type of accommodation for each scholar. If a scholar wishes to make his or her own accommodation arrangement, a rent subsidy (a fixed fee of KRW 400,000) will be provided instead. *Any fees, charges, taxes, expenses, etc. incurred in using the apartment shall be borne by the individual.*

4) Round-trip Airfare
Upon acceptance to the TaLK program, a one-way, economy-class international flight ticket will be provided, as well as a return ticket at the completion of the contract term.

5) Health Insurance
All TaLK scholars are entitled to either the overseas traveler's health insurance or the national health insurance throughout the TaLK scholarship period. Each POE reserves its right to choose the type of insurance plan for TaLK scholars. Medical insurance coverage does not begin until the school registers their scholars for an Alien Registration Card.

6) Buddy System
Korean undergraduate students are made available to help TaLK scholars adjust to Korean life as well as run and manage the after-school classes.

7) Government Scholar Certificate
A certificate of Korean Government Scholarship will be presented at the end of the contract term to those who have successfully participated and completed all required parts of the TaLK program.

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