

POSITION: Volunteer Classroom Educator & International Ambassador

LOCATION: Cofradia, Cortés, Honduras

TIME COMMITMENT: July 2023 - June 2024

ABOUT BECA: BECA exists to **provide quality, affordable bilingual education** to the educationally disenfranchised **while fostering meaningful cultural exchange**. BECA's model is more than an international teaching program; we distinguish ourselves by the **breadth and depth of our community engagement**, our **dedication to fostering long-term relationships with our communities**, and our **commitment to ensuring that our BECA teachers are trained and supported to unleash the amazing potential of their students** and to learn from them and their families. In the 2016-17 school year, one of our long-time dreams came true - we hired a BECA graduate as a teacher! Now, half of our teaching team at each school is made up of BECA graduates, and the other half is international volunteers.

POSITION DESCRIPTION: BECA invites ~12 international volunteers to join our volunteer teaching team each year, supporting both elementary and middle school students at 2 local schools, San Jeronimo Bilingual School and Santa Monica Bilingual School. At a high level, each volunteer teacher is responsible for: **leading an English curriculum for students in grades PreK-9 in ELA, Science, Math, Art, PE and Computers** (*all classes are capped at 25 students, and most teachers take on one full curriculum for a grade level*) **supporting fellow teachers** in the classroom, **getting to know your students and their families**, and **immersing oneself in Honduran culture**. Don't worry - we'll be there to support you with every step along the way!

Prior to arrival, international volunteers will have 2-3 virtual onboarding calls to prepare for their time in-country. Our international team arrives in-country in June 2023, and are placed in a homestay with a local family upon arriving in Honduras before moving into BECA housing. The initial weeks in-country are spent embarking on a summer-long training program that teaches you: the BECA curriculum, classroom management, and so much more. Once the school year begins, BECA teachers receive ongoing professional development and training throughout the academic year.

REQUIRED DUTIES:

- Facilitate relationships with students' parents and other community members
- Plan lessons and teach in English (all subjects with the exception of Social Studies and Spanish)
- Foster a safe and productive classroom environment for students
- Periodically serve as a Lunch/Recess monitor
- Collaborate with the teaching team (Honduran and International) on school projects, events, planning, and curriculum development
- Contribute to the collaborative and respectful group living experience
- Serve as an ambassador for BECA by helping to spread the word about our work to your families and friends
- Participate in professional development events, such as local education-based conferences, and BECA-lead efforts

SKILLS & QUALIFICATIONS:

- A Bachelor's degree by June 2023 (all majors welcome to apply!)
 - Candidate with an Associate's degree may be considered, and are encouraged to apply
- A commitment to BECA's mission and a dedication to social justice
- Strong interpersonal and cross-cultural skills
- Capacity to manage multiple tasks simultaneously
- Willingness to operate in a low-resource environment under challenging living conditions

Bonus points if you...

- Have experience with AmeriCorps, Peace Corps, or other international (or domestic!) teaching programs

BENEFITS: All BECA volunteer teachers receive...

- A monthly food stipend
- Up to \$500 USD flight reimbursement for travel to/from Honduras from the Americas
- Up to \$750 USD flight reimbursement for travel to/from Honduras from Europe, Asia, Africa, and Australia
- Local transportation to/from the airport
- Housing (within a shared living accommodation)
- High-speed internet, and all utilities, provided by BECA
- Assistance in obtaining temporary residency status, or support with obtaining a temporary VISA, depending on volunteer need/local regulations
- Intensive summer training, and ongoing training and professional development throughout the academic year
- Immersion in a Spanish speaking community, with opportunities for Spanish-language acquisition

APPLY: If interested in applying, please complete our volunteer application here: <http://becaschools.org/get-involved/volunteer-application>. Interviews are conducted on a rolling basis until all positions are filled, so candidates are encouraged to apply early.

If you are interested in referring a potential candidate, please email their name and contact information to: volunteers@becaschools.org.

More information about our organization can be found at www.becaschools.org.