International Student and ESL Support Assistant

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Where: San Francisco , United States
When: Aug 1, 2026 - Jun 11, 2027

Summary

Position Summary

Rio Lindo Adventist Academy is seeking a caring, dependable, and culturally sensitive volunteer to serve as an **International Student and ESL Support Assistant** for the 2026–2027 academic year.

Rio Lindo is a Seventh-day Adventist boarding high school located on a beautiful 365-acre campus along the Russian River in Northern California. Our students come from California, other parts of the United States, and countries around the world.

The International Student and ESL Support Assistant will help international students strengthen their English-language skills, adjust to life in the United States, and become fully connected to the academic, spiritual, and social life of the school.

This is not a lead teaching position. The volunteer will work under the supervision of school administrators, teachers, and the ESL coordinator. The primary purpose of the role is to provide encouragement, tutoring, mentoring, cultural support, and practical assistance to students who are learning English or adjusting to a new culture.

The ideal volunteer will see this position as more than academic support. It is an opportunity to build relationships, create a sense of belonging, and demonstrate Christlike hospitality to young people who may be far from home.

Destination

San Francisco United States

Term

Long-Term, - months, Aug 1, 2026 - Jun 11, 2027

Position

Type: Academic, Total People Required: 1, Target Age: Any

Finances

Cost: $0.00, Monthly Living Allowance: $600.00, Local Currency: USD, Finance Type: Regular (Shared Funding)

Lodging & Food

Living Environment

The volunteer will live on or near Rio Lindo's campus in Healdsburg, California.

Rio Lindo is located in Sonoma County, approximately one hour north of San Francisco. The campus includes academic buildings, dormitories, athletic facilities, wooded areas, open fields, and several miles of river frontage.

Because the school is in a semi-rural location, access to a personal vehicle may be helpful but is not required. Transportation for assigned school responsibilities will be

Restrictions: Not Specified

Gender Lodging: Either

Marital Status Lodging: Either

Child Accommodations: Not Specified

Health Notes

Not Specified

Dress

Acceptable:

Dress and Conduct Expectations

The volunteer will be expected to:

- Follow Rio Lindo's employee and volunteer policies
- Dress modestly and professionally
- Maintain appropriate relationships and boundaries with students
- Protect confidential student information
- Follow all campus-safety and child-protection requirements
- Refrain from alcohol, tobacco, recreational drugs, and other substances prohibited by school policy
- Support the spiritual standards and community expectations of the school
- Use social media responsibly and professionally

Unacceptable:

Duties

Primary Responsibilities

The volunteer may assist with the following:

- Provide individual and small-group English-language tutoring
- Help students practice conversational English
- Support students with reading comprehension, vocabulary, grammar, and writing

- Assist students in understanding classroom instructions and assignments
- Help students develop study habits, organization, and time-management skills
- Support supervised study halls and academic-help periods
- Help international students become familiar with school routines, expectations, and campus life
- Assist with new international-student orientation
- Help students adjust to American culture and boarding-school life
- Encourage international students to participate in campus activities, worship, athletics, clubs, and service opportunities
- Organize cultural-exchange activities and opportunities for students to share their home cultures
- Help coordinate peer language partners or student mentors
- Assist with airport-arrival preparation and student welcome activities when needed
- Communicate student concerns to the appropriate school employee
- Support teachers and administrators with appropriate international-student programming
- Participate in campus worships, spiritual activities, and community events
- Perform other student-support duties assigned by the supervising administrator

Ministry Responsibilities

Because Rio Lindo is a Christian boarding school, the volunteer will also be expected to participate in the spiritual life of the campus.

This may include:

- Attending chapel, vespers, and selected campus worship programs
- Building positive mentoring relationships with students
- Encouraging students in their spiritual growth
- Participating in service projects and outreach activities
- Supporting a campus culture of kindness, respect, inclusion, and belonging
- Modeling Christian character, integrity, patience, and compassion

The volunteer should be comfortable working with students from different religious, cultural, and linguistic backgrounds.

Experience

Qualifications

The ideal applicant will:

- Be a committed Christian who supports the beliefs, mission, and values of the Seventh-day Adventist Church
- Be a baptized Seventh-day Adventist in good standing
- Be at least 18 years old
- Have strong spoken and written English skills
- Be patient, encouraging, flexible, and culturally sensitive
- Enjoy working with teenagers

- Demonstrate maturity, professionalism, and good judgment
- Be dependable, punctual, and able to follow directions
- Be able to maintain appropriate boundaries and confidentiality
- Work well with students and employees from diverse backgrounds
- Be willing to live and serve within a boarding-school community
- Be willing to complete required background checks, training, and school-safety procedures

Preferred Qualifications

The following experience would be helpful but is not required:

- Experience tutoring or mentoring young people
- Experience working with English-language learners
- Coursework or experience in education, English, TESOL, linguistics, psychology, social work, ministry, or international studies
- Experience living or traveling in another culture
- Ability to speak an additional language
- Experience working in a boarding school, camp, youth ministry, or residential setting
- Basic computer and office skills

Formal ESL certification is helpful but not required. Training and supervision will be provided.

Education

High School

Education Concentration

Not Specified

Languages

English (fluent)

Trade Skills

Any

Host	« Private »
Host Contact	« Private »

Travel Documentation

Travel

Destination City	San Francisco	Destination Airport	

Medical

Required Inoculations	(not set)	HIV Clearance Required?	No
Medical Recommendations	(not set)		

Visa

Visa Required?	Yes	Visa Type	(not set)
Visa Application By		Volunteer / Sponsor	
Work Permit Required?		Yes	
Work Permit Application By		(not set)	
Police Clearance Required?		No	
Child Protection Required?		No	
Send Documentation To		(not set)	
Documentation Deadline		(not set)	

Visa Travel Details

(not set)

Interview		**Orientation**	
Phone Interview Required?	Yes	Orientation on Site?	Yes
Signed Agreement Required?	No	Orientation Stipend?	No

Travel Advisory

United States

1 Exercise normal precautions