

Why not become an English Language Assistant in France!

Every year, the French Ministry of Education offers teaching assistantship positions in French primary and secondary schools all over France.

The assistantship programme is a unique opportunity and a valuable life experience. As well as improving your language skills and confidence in speaking, gaining in-depth knowledge of French life and culture, a year abroad can also boost future employability.

The Teaching Assistant Programme run by the French Embassy in Ireland, the Department of Education and France Education international offers you the opportunity to work in France for 7 months (October 1st until April 30th), teaching English to French students of all ages. Each year, over 70 undergraduate and graduate Irish students teach their mother tongue in primary or secondary schools across all regions of France and receive a monthly stipend by the French Government.

As a Language assistant you will teach conversational English for 12 hours a week alongside an English language teacher. You can also get involved in various educational activities held in the school, introduce Irish contemporary culture by developing classroom and extra-curricular activities, and contribute to authentic voice recordings to enrich the school's audio-visual resources, participate in the implementation of exchange programmes and lead a language club.

But more importantly, the role of a Language Assistant is to help pupils to see the foreign language as a living language spoken by millions of people rather than as a 'school' language.

To be eligible for this scheme applicants must:

- be between 20 and 35 years of age upon arriving in France (in September)
- be Irish nationals or EU national having completed secondary schooling in Ireland
- have completed at least two years of higher education in any discipline by the time you take up your position in France
- have a working knowledge of the French language

Language assistants work for 12 hours a week, from October 1st to April 30th. They are free on French school holidays, and get a monthly of around € 1 036,21 (gross) which is approximately € 820 net which allows them to cover the costs of accommodation and living in France. The salary is higher in the outre-mer regions due to the higher cost of living there.



General information about the programme can also be found on following websites:

[<https://www.france-education-international.fr/venir-en-france/devenir-assistant-de-langue-en-france?langue=fr>]

[<https://www.france-education-international.fr/sites/default/files/medias/flipping/le-guide-de-lassistant/>]

And also on: [<https://www.gov.ie/en/collection/99038-english-language-assistant-scheme-application-forms-202223/#france>]

How to apply: Instructions about the Irish assistant scheme in France

Applications for the 2024-2025 scheme will be made through the online platform [ADELE](#).

Please read the following tutorial carefully:

↓ [Tutorial](#)

As indicated in the tutorial, you will need to contact your French teacher and ask them to fill in the following document. You will then need to upload it onto your application:

↓ [Evaluation form](#)

Feel free to contact linguistic@ambafrance-ie.org should you have any problem during your application process.

Deadline for applications: March 14th 2024 at 5pm

Once accepted in the scheme, the French Education authorities (Académies) will ask the selected candidates to provide a recent police clearance check/Police Certificate [on their ADELE account](#). This is a mandatory document for your employment as language assistant in France. Please note that you should apply for this Police certificate as soon as you get the information about your selection in

May. You can apply here - <https://www.garda.ie/en/About-Us/Online-Services/Data-Protection-FOI-Police-Certificates/Police-Certificates.html>

Please note that accepting a position as a language assistant has the worth of commitment, and any cancellation after having accepted the post has to be duly justified.

For questions about the programme or help with the completion of the application file, you can contact: linguistic@ambafrance-ie.org