



Title: Resident Director, CET Beijing: Intensive Language Program

Status: Full-time

Job location: Beijing, China

Supervisor: Colleen O'Connor, China Programs Manager

Dates: January 2019 to January 2021

Description of the Organization

CET Academic Programs is a study abroad organization that has been developing and delivering innovative educational programs abroad since 1982. Originally “China Educational Tours,” CET began operations in Beijing, later expanding to other locations around the world. Today, CET offers a varied portfolio of semester, summer, and short-term customized programs in Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East for college, high school, and pre-college students.

CET is known for high program standards, strong academics, a nimble and collaborative approach to partnerships, and supportive student services. Through elements such as field-based course components, internships, community-based learning, and housing with local roommates, CET strives to integrate students into the local community and facilitate lasting relationships with hosts. As an environmentally conscientious organization, CET aims to adopt sustainable measures across its operations. And through its commitment to inclusion, CET seeks and encourages the participation of students from diverse backgrounds, ensuring a welcoming, hospitable program environment that promotes student learning.

Description of the Position

The Resident Director (RD) is a member of the CET Beijing: Intensive Language program team, which includes the Director of China Programs, Human Resources & Administrative Director, Academic Coordinator, office assistants, teachers and possible interns. While the Director of China Programs works primarily with Chinese faculty and host institutions, the RD works primarily with CET's students and their Chinese roommates. The RD reports to the supervising China Programs Manager, and s/he may be responsible for managing junior staff. Excellent communication and teamwork skills are essential.

The RD oversees the non-academic aspects of the CET Beijing: Intensive Language program, which operates during the summer, fall, January and spring terms. The RD also works with the CET Foreign Service in Beijing Program team, located off-campus. The CET Beijing: Intensive Language program is designed for students of all levels. Semester enrollment varies and can range from 20 to 65 students. The Foreign Service Program is a language-training program for US diplomats. Semester enrollment varies and ranges from 8 to 20 students.

General responsibilities include: Managing and implementing activities, excursions, Chinese roommate selection, orientation and student support. The RD must meet frequently with students to evaluate their goals, progress and adjustment. The RD works with the Director of China Programs to ensure that overall goals and expectations of the program are being met. The RD is responsible for the operating budgets and financial reports for both the Beijing: Intensive Language and Foreign Service Programs.

Candidates are advised that this is a time-consuming, challenging position. We therefore discourage those interested in pursuing their own research projects in Beijing from applying. CET is seeking a candidate willing to commit to a minimum of two years in China.

Responsibilities

Program Management

- Oversee and monitor the quality of the non-academic elements of the program, including housing.
- Design and implement innovative student activities and excursions, all of which will foster student self-reliance and integrate students into local Chinese university life. Work with local tour operators when necessary.
- Design and implement CET's Chinese Language Pledge; assist the Director of China Programs in designing and implementing policies to ensure that CET students embrace the Chinese language environment.
- Manage all aspects of the Chinese roommate program, including Chinese student selection, orientation and counseling.
- When necessary, assist with or implement additional customized short-term programs that may operate at one of CET's Beijing campuses.
- Manage the Beijing January term as needed.
- Manage (an) office assistant(s).
- Follow emergency response procedures and manage on-site emergencies as they occur.

Financial Management

- Manage appropriated funds and work according to a budget.
- Manage internal accounting systems, track all expenses and submit periodic accounting reports to the supervising CET China Programs Manager in Washington, DC.

Counseling

- Design and implement each semester's orientation sessions; manage other student meetings as needed.
- Serve as language and culture resource to students; guide students in their non-academic pursuits.
- Maintain office hours and counsel students throughout the semester.
- Maintain student academic files and records.

Representation of Program

- Communicate frequently with the supervising CET China Programs Manager and headquarter staff.
- Submit mid-semester and final program reports each term to the CET China Programs Manager.
- Submit a thorough and accurate final accounting report to the CET China Programs Manager at the end of each semester.
- Assist the Director of China Programs in representing student needs to CET and the host institution.
- Represent the program effectively to all on-site visitors, adhering to CET's guidelines for managing site visits by US institutions.
- Input the most updated information on the Beijing: Intensive Language program to a CET programs database on an annual basis.
- Contribute to CET marketing efforts, as needed.

Requirements

- At least two years of professional or academic experience in China, experience in Beijing preferred
- Native or near-native fluency in both Chinese and English
- Bachelor's or Master's degree in a relevant discipline
- Excellent management, administrative & organizational skills
- Demonstrated ability to work both independently and as a team
- Cultural sensitivity and experience working with students of diverse backgrounds
- Ability to handle student emergencies with authority and calm
- Willingness to wear different hats and work odd hours
- Patience, flexibility, positive attitude, and a sense of humor
- A commitment to education and study abroad; CET and MIC program alumni are encouraged to apply

Competitive Salary and Benefits Package

While this is a time-consuming, challenging position, CET firmly supports a healthy work-life balance and provides generous paid time off and professional development opportunities. Our compensation package includes salary commensurate with experience. *Final hires are contingent upon the successful completion of a background check.*

To Apply

Our company is committed to diversity, and we work hard to maintain a welcoming, non-discriminatory office culture. We welcome qualified applicants of all backgrounds to apply to our openings. It is our policy to provide equal employment opportunities without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, marital status, veteran status, sexual orientation, genetic information or any other protected characteristic under applicable law.

Apply by **November 15, 2018** for priority review, position open until filled.

Qualified candidates should submit the following documents:

- Résumé
- Formal cover letter that outlines the position to which you are applying (CET Beijing: Intensive Language Resident Director), your qualifications and experience, and where you first heard about the position.
- List of three references.

Applications missing any of these components will not be considered. Send application materials via e-mail (as attachments) to:

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