

Nazarbayev Intellectual Schools



Nazarbayev Intellectual Schools are a group of 7 existing schools which will grow rapidly to 20 by 2014. They are state funded but are highly selective, aiming to educate the future intellectual elite of Kazakhstan. The schools are currently in the major cities including Astana, Uralsk, Semey, Kokshetau, Ust-Kamanogorsk, Taldykorgan. Uniquely, the children are educated in a tri-lingual environment and are taught in Kazakh, Russian and English and Nazarbayev Intellectual Schools (NIS) are Secondary / High schools for children aged 12 to 18.

Class sizes are small, between 11 and 22 pupils, and the purpose built schools are new and equipped with student laptops, electronic smart-boards and state of the art facilities.

The academic year is 40 weeks with 36 weeks of instruction and four weeks of professional development and associated duties. The school year runs approximately from September to June.

The duties of international teachers include:

- Conducting classes in English in your area of specialisation to students at NIS.
- Mentoring local teachers informally and presenting them with best practice in your area of expertise. This could include providing master classes, observing their lessons, etc.
- Contributing to curriculum development
- Preparing students for university entrance tests
- Organising courses on critical thinking
- Organising cultural and social events for students
- Running co-curricular activities

NIS are recruiting for the following subjects at Secondary/High School level:

English language
Mathematics
Chemistry
History

Biology
Physics
Information technology
Librarian

Creative arts
Arts
Critical Thinking
Team Leaders

Requirements:

Candidates must meet the following requirements:

- Candidates must have a Bachelors degree and teacher training such as a PGCE, PGDE or Bachelors of Education or equivalent .
- Candidates with Masters degrees or PhDs are particularly welcomed and experience/training to teach children for whom English is not the first language is desired.
- Candidates should have 3 years of recent experience teaching one of the subjects above at secondary /high school level in a regular classroom environment .
- Candidates should be a native English speaker with high levels of English proficiency, both written and oral
- There is no age limit for a visa in Kazakhstan, however candidates will be required to pass a medical screening if successful at interview

Please note: Candidates will be screened by Teachanywhere and we will need to obtain recent, good teaching references from recent teaching supervisors. Candidates will be asked to obtain or produce a recent, appropriate criminal record check for work with children or vulnerable people (CRB, FBI, Guarda, RCMP, etc).

Because these are new schools working within a relatively new concept, teachers who apply to this programme must be personally flexible and adaptable with a high tolerance for uncertainty whilst also possessing top notch subject knowledge and teaching skills. This is a wonderful opportunity for teachers who like to be involved in the beginning of a project and to set the stage for those who arrive after, rather than teachers who would prefer a finished product.

The employment package:

- 1 year contract with minimum of 4,000 USD salary per month. A monthly bonus of USD 1,000 USD will be paid to teachers working in a regional school. Salary is subject to negotiation and will be based on qualifications and experience.
- Salary is paid once per each month on a timely basis in twelve equal instalments**
- Travel expenses shall be reimbursed twice a year for economy class flights to the working place and back on actual expenditures, in the amount of not more than 2,500 USD for one way flight, including taxes, stipulated by the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan
 - Accommodation including utility bills in the amount from 610 USD up to no more than 1,100 USD per month shall be covered by the employer*** and paid directly to the landlord. Housing is provided upon arrival.
 - All employees shall be covered by the basic health care provided by the company's appointed medical insurance scheme. Medical evacuation is included in the insurance package.
 - One time allowance of \$2,000 USD for settling arrangements at the new location, the shipment and insurance of personal household goods and belongings.
 - All employees are eligible for the paid winter break (December - January) and approximately 6 weeks during summer time.
 - Paid sick leave provided according to the local legislation.
 - Multiple one-year work visa fee is paid in full. Supporting documents to obtain a work visa will be provided.

- Airport transfer on arrival and departure.
- Training in Russian and/or Kazakh languages.
- Expenses related to study of the children on the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan in the amount of 4,000 USD per year, adjusted for taxation under the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

** The 10% personal income tax is deducted automatically from monthly paycheck

***Non taxable benefits

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About Kazakhstan

Kazakhstan is a large Central European country that is roughly 4 times the size of Texas. A former Soviet Union country, it became independent in 1991 and was the first former Soviet country to gain a credit rating. With a soaring economy growing at a rate of 7-10% a year, its vast oil and mineral wealth has provided a stable base on which to prosper.

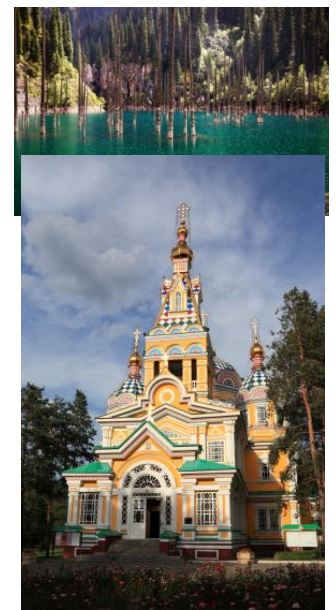
Kazakhstan is ethnically and culturally diverse, in part due to mass deportations of many ethnic groups to the country during Stalin's rule. Kazakhstan has a population of 16.6 million, with over 130 ethnicities, though over 60% of the population are ethnically Kazakhs. Kazakhstan allows freedom of religion, and many different beliefs are represented in the country. The Kazakh language is the state language, while Russian is also officially used as an equal language to Kazakh in Kazakhstan's public institutions. The government, under the direction of President Nursultan Nazarbayev, is stable and has managed to forge a peaceful, multiethnic nation.

The currency is the Tenge which at the time of writing was 230 Tenge to the Pound Sterling, or 150 Tenge to the US Dollar. The cost of living of most things, besides clothing and personal electronics, is lower than in London, Auckland, New York or Sydney.

The Lonely Planet says:

“Easily the most economically advanced of the ‘stans’, post-Soviet Kazakhstan is reinventing itself as a uniquely prosperous and modern Eurasian nation. The leafy commercial and social hub, Almaty, has an almost European feel with its quality hotels, slick boutiques, chic cafés and streets thick with BMWs and

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Mercedes. Astana, in the north, is being transformed at quick fire speed into a 21st-century capital with a unique mix of Islamic, Western, Soviet and wacky futuristic architecture. ..

Around the fringes of the great steppes where the once nomadic Kazakh people – still famed for their horse skills and unique equestrian sports – used to roam, Kazakhstan presents an array of surprising adventures. You can trek on foot or horse in the spectacular Tian Shan or Altay Mountains, watch flamingos on steppe lakes or discover mysterious underground mosques near the Caspian Sea. Community ecotourism programmes in some of the most beautiful areas enable travellers to stay with village families at affordable cost.



With travellers still rare here, a foreign guest is usually treated not as just another tourist but with real hospitality, and locals will often go out of their way to help you. Enjoy it while it lasts! “

How to apply:

Please send your CV/Resume with a full work history to NIS@teachanywhere.com

“The priority in the sphere of education will be placed on the projects akin to those established and successfully operating in Astana – “New International University”, “Special Fund”, and “Intellectual Schools”. These one-of-the-kind academic institutions will bear my name. It is our mission to ensure that these schools are at the forefront in preparing the next generation of global-minded leaders in Kazakhstan, key platforms for testing and development of up-to-date academic programs and further introduction in the country.”

Extract from the Address of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the Nation (Astana, 29 January 2010)

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