

LANGUAGE AND CULTURE ASSISTANTS IN SPAIN PROGRAM CONDITIONS – 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Language and culture assistants will be awarded placements in schools where they will carry out their tasks with the aim of improving listening and speaking skills for students in Spain. They will be under the guidance of a mentor/teacher, department head or bilingual coordinator. In many cases, language assistants will collaborate teaching different school subjects, taught in English, French, German, Italian or Portuguese.

COHORTS

There are two cohorts in the Language and Culture Assistants Program in Spain, based on the office that handles the placements, stipends and health insurance for the language assistants:

- Ministry of Education cohort: Language assistants are placed in schools directly by the Ministry of Education of Spain. The Ministry awards the placement letters and is responsible for allotting stipends and health insurance to the language assistants in this cohort. School placements are offered all across Spain.
- Regional Education Offices cohort: Language assistants are placed in schools directly by the different regional education offices in Spain. Each regional education office awards the placement letters and is responsible for allotting stipends and health insurance to the language assistants in this cohort. School placements are offered by each office in its area (ex. Andalucía, Galicia or País Vasco to name a few).

***It is essential that each language assistant knows which cohort they belong to. This information can be found on your placement letter.**

CALENDAR AND SCHEDULE

The calendar for the Language and Culture Assistants Program begins on October 1 and ends on May 31, except for the cohort for the regional education office in Madrid, which goes on until June 30.

Schedules will range from 14-16 class periods per week depending on the conditions set for the cohort. For the Ministry of Education cohort, it is 14 hours per week.

You must be aged between 18-60. You must be 18 years old as of January 1, 2025, and not be 60 or over on January 1, 2026, to participate in the

program. Age ranges have been designated according to educator labor regulations in Spain.

WITHDRAWING FROM THE PROGRAM

Please note: If you do not accept a placement or withdraw from the program, you will NOT be able to be allocated another placement for the school year for which you applied.

If you need to withdraw from the program, after having officially accepted the offer and only due to unexpected and extenuating circumstances, please email the following contacts as soon as possible:

- Ministry of Education cohort: renuncias.auxminis@educacion.gob.es , as well as your school-
- Regional Education Offices cohort: email your regional education office, as well as your school.

STIPENDS/GRANTS

Language assistants will be awarded a monthly grant, funded through governmental budgets by the Ministry of Education of Spain and/or the regional education offices (depending on your cohort), with the aim of contributing towards the costs of room and board in Spain. A stipend of 800 – 1000 euros per month (depending on your regional education office) is awarded for participation in the program.¹

It is important to keep in mind that the first payment may be delayed until December. Even though during the entire program you will receive 8 monthly stipends (9 if placed in Madrid), you will not receive the first one until the first week of November **at the earliest**, as stipends are sent out on a **monthly basis**. Some regional education offices may experience administrative delays in getting the stipends out. It is important that you following to a tee all the onboarding requirements so that your stipend is not delayed. You should have enough savings to cover the first months or so of living expenses in Spain (October, November, and December). Language assistants must therefore ensure that they have the necessary financial means to cover the first months in Spain.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Language assistants with European Union citizenship must have a European Health Insurance Card, while language assistants from the United Kingdom must have the Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC). These language assistants will be able to access the services of the Spanish public health system.

¹ Stipends per regional education office: Refer to the document [Conditions per Regional Education Offices](#).

For language assistants with citizenship from non-European Union countries or who do not have a European Health Insurance Card from their country of origin will be provided with health insurance by the Ministry of Education of Spain or the regional education offices (depending on your regional education office), which includes repatriation and accident insurance. In some cases, all language assistants will be provided with private health insurance.

It is important to keep in mind that these health insurance policies **do not cover** pre-existing conditions nor medication.

TRAVEL TO SPAIN AND ORIENTATION

Travel to and from Spain is at the language assistant's own expense.

Once in Spain and before starting your assignment, you will need to attend an orientation course scheduled and provided by your regional education office or the Ministry of Education in Spain depending on your cohort. The orientation course is usually held at the end of September and may be offered during various days.