

## **What kind of job can I do in Europe, to be eligible for the Erasmus+ Work Placement Grant?**

You can claim an Erasmus+ traineeship grant for any job you do in Europe **that is a recognised part of your degree course**, as long as it fits the basic Erasmus+ eligibility criteria too (see *Eligibility page*).

**Your University School needs to approve your chosen work placement/traineeship**, so you should talk to the Work Placement tutor in your School to get advice on this. Some Schools expect that any work placement you undertake will be subject-specific or related to your course; other Schools allow you to undertake any sort of work, as long as it is of a particular standard, so that you will be gaining good experience and learning new skills. Talk to your Work Placement tutor to make sure you know what is expected and for any advice or information on what students have done previously.

### **British Council's English Language Assistant scheme**

One scheme that may be of interest, that is becoming increasingly popular among non-languages students, is the British Council's English Language Assistant scheme. This is open to undergraduates of any discipline and is a well-recognised and organised scheme for living and working abroad, whilst being paid to teach English (in English) to pupils at local schools. Language ability required varies. Please check the British Council's website for more information

<https://www.britishcouncil.org/study-work-abroad/outside-uk/english-language-assistants/eligibility>

Students usually teach approximately 12 hours per week and are well-paid. The opportunities for getting involved in the school's activities and local culture are immense and many students return to the UK full of enthusiasm and confidence for their final year at University, due to their new, global outlook.

Students should be aware that the opening and closing dates for this scheme are early and the window for application is quite short. In previous years, the applications page has opened around November and closed around February, for a 7-9 month teaching position that starts in September/October of the next year. Students apply to the scheme at the start of their second year at University, so that they go to Europe after their Second year has finished.

For students whose home school does not have a work placement module, the Careers Centre offers a generic 120-credit Work Placement Module (CSER8000).

For general advice about this British Council scheme or finding work placements in general, please contact the Careers Centre.