

LANGUAGE AND CULTURE ASSISTANTS IN SPAIN PROGRAM CONDITIONS – 2026-2027 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 in the teaching of 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 allocating allowances 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 allocating allowances and health insurance to the language assistants in their cohort. School placements are offered by each office in its region.

***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 November 1, 2026, and ends on May 31, 2027.

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

You must be aged between 18-45. You must be 18 years old as of January 1, 2026, and not be 45 or over on January 1, 2027, to participate in the program. Renewals may participate if they are not over 60 years old.

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 same 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 allowance, 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. Even though during the entire program you will receive 7 monthly stipends, you will not receive the first one until the last week of December **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 follow 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 (November, December and January). Language assistants must therefore ensure that they have the necessary financial means to cover their 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.

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 liability 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. If this is your case, you will need to acquire a separate health insurance policy to cover these pre-existing conditions.

TRAVEL TO SPAIN AND ORIENTATION

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

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

Once in Spain and before starting your assignment, you may be contacted to attend an orientation course with onboarding information scheduled and provided by your regional education office or the Ministry of Education in Spain depending on your cohort. Further information will be provided closer to your onboarding.