

Employment Opportunities in China 2017

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Understanding China

Understanding China is vital to understanding the modern world. Gaining China experience is an essential part of any ambitious individual's development. Whether it's learning the language, studying its culture and history, spending a stint in a rural homestay, or working and collaborating with a new generation of global influencers, the country is ripe with opportunities for anyone keen to gain international experience.

China is also understanding the world. Its budding generation is opening up to new possibilities and reaching out to cultural dialogue. Education is in an exciting phase of evolution and a collaborative, creative, curious and communicative society is being shaped.

This booklet introduces various opportunities to gain an understanding of today's China, from pen-pal writing with students in state schools to undertaking research on Chinese learners. Challenge yourself, and change China.

“The best way to understand a country and determine its future is through its education system.”





TSL Education

Founded in 2013 by British and Chinese education experts, TSL Education is a **Beijing-based educational consultancy organisation** focused on improving education in China. Bringing together the best of British, American, Australian and Chinese educational practices, TSL Education seeks creative and innovative responses to the greatest challenges facing Chinese students.

We research in depth the real modern-day problems facing Chinese learners, such as lack of motivation, time management, and social pressures. Using our combined international educational know-how, we provide the environment and resources for them to overcome these and make the most of their individual strengths. We focus on how Chinese learners study, learn, and adapt in their varying education experiences.

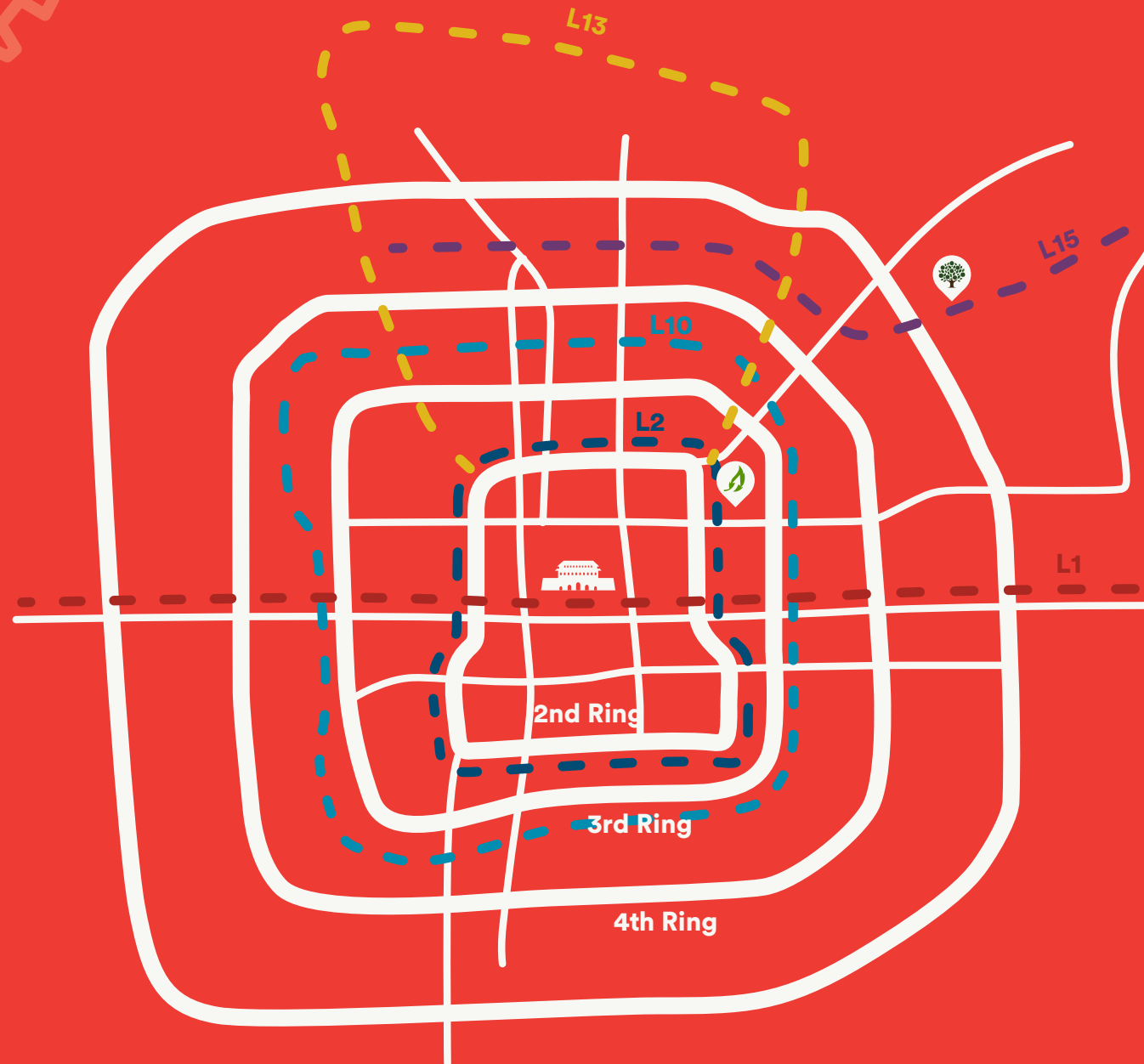
TSL Education provides flexible and adaptive opportunities for Chinese learners to build their learning toolkit and flourish in any context. We provide them with the resources to develop their 21st Century skills to thrive in an international tomorrow.

Beijing is...

An exciting blend of old and new, of tradition and modernity, of fast and slow. It's a patchwork of irregular cityscape and wild nature. It draws together cultural authenticity from every Chinese province as well as Western presence in all its restaurants, bookshops, parks, skyscrapers and cafes. It's a place for the sports-people, the artists, the thrill seekers, the loungers and the go-getters. Home to underground music venues, high-end hotels, cheap and cheerful food joints, serene temples and hip art districts, Beijing is garish and subtle in equal measure.

It's a place to find endless volunteering opportunities, business ventures and an unparalleled sense of ambitious entrepreneurship. It's a city where you can be on your own or surrounded by friends from all over the world. Where you can treat yourself after a strenuous workout with a decent massage and a cappuccino. Chat with friendly pensioners and cheeky kids after wandering round galleries and cycling the ancient hutongs. Brunch on Spanish tapas or a soul-warming bowl of pho. Spend a weekend hiking the Great Wall, or foray into the world of traditional Chinese medicine. Hop on the subway to Ai Weiwei's Olympic Bird's Nest, or to the buzzing Capital Airport with connections all over Asia...

Most of all, Beijing is the place where you can develop yourself personally and professionally, shape new paths for your future, and build relationships with a network of global influencers. Be the change you want to see in the world. Be in Beijing.



The Learning Tree



The Learning Tree is a tutorial college in Shunyi, a residential area of Beijing where all of the city's top international schools are located. Through a mixture of one-to-one teaching and small groups classes, students make dramatic improvements. Working with students between the ages of 7-17, the aim is to nurture critical-thinkers who can succeed internationally in the 21st century.

The Learning Tree is also our research and education innovation hub. This currently includes pioneering work on project-based learning in China, a new project to assist Chinese students with special educational needs and research work on English-language acquisition challenges for Chinese learners.

Learning Tree Teacher

15,000 — 21,000RMB
per month; one-year contract

We are looking for qualified (CELTA/TESOL) or certified (PGCE) teachers to come and join our dynamic teaching team. Teachers must have a genuine passion for education and unlimited amounts of enthusiasm!

Learning Tree Intern

Voluntary; one or two months

Internships can be on the education-side (teaching assistance, project-based learning, enrichment activities etc.) or the administrative side of the organisation.

Learning Tree Expert

The Learning Tree is growing and we want to be at the forefront of innovative education in China. If you are an education specialist with expertise in PBL, student motivation, school engagement, curriculum development, SEN, counselling, 21st Century Skills or ESL, we would love to have you join us, to conduct research and work on improving education in China.



The Flourish Project



Operating in eighteen government middle and high schools in Beijing, the Flourish Project introduces research, academic writing, presentation skills, debate and drama to students excited to experience more dynamic classes.

Now in its second year, the project includes workshops for students, teacher training and working closely with schools and the education bureau. As the number of schools grows, we will introduce more drama-related classes.

Flourish Project Teacher

14,000RMB— 18,000RMB
per month; 10-month contract

We are looking for highly-motivated, confident and positive teachers to help inspire and educate state school students. Teaching on the Flourish Project is deeply fulfilling but requires an ability to learn fast and adapt quickly to feedback. All applicants must have two-years work experience or a degree in English, linguistics or education. A background in drama is desirable.



Cambridge China Mentors

For Chinese high school students, the dreaded Gaokao is the equivalent to A-Level examinations, an end of school series of exams that determines their future. In the English component of the exam, students are expected to do two pieces of writing: a description of a day and a letter to a foreign friend.

Through the Cambridge-China Mentor programme, Chinese students write authentic emails to Cambridge students and read responses about their days in Cambridge. For many students this will be their first ever contact —written or spoken— with a native English speaker and the experience will be truly formative.



Cambridge China Mentors

Voluntary

October to March

Eight mentors will communicate with individual students, groups of students or entire classes. This is an incredible way to make a real connection with Chinese students and engage in genuine cultural exchange. Each year one mentor will have the opportunity to travel to China for one month on a fully paid scholarship. Mentors must be extremely well-organised and genuinely interested in China.

Camford Education

Every summer, Camford Education takes a group of Chinese students to spend two weeks in Cambridge University. The trip is an opportunity to practise English, visit universities, do a number of future-focused workshops and experience a variety of uniquely British traditions and experiences.

Camford Education Mentor

£1500

Two weeks

Eight mentoring positions are available to students who have a genuine desire to work with students. Mentors must be tirelessly enthusiastic, creative and willing to make a fool of themselves throughout the course. Students with an interest in China or unique skills they can share with students are preferred.



Why work with TSL in China?

The Flourish Project

Chinese
classes

Monday
team
dinners

Working
with 100s of
inspirational
students and
teachers

500 RMB
Mobike
topup

Regular
training

Funded
professional
development
programme

Health
insurance

Social
events

Wild
Weekend

Weekly
newsletter
and raffle

Offsite
sports
activities
- crossfit!

Organic
home made
lunch every
day

Staff
Book
Exchange

The Learning Tree



Applying for Positions

If your interest has been piqued by any of the positions mentioned in this booklet, and you feel you'd be a perfect fit for our team, please send an email with a cover letter and a CV persuading us of your qualities! Similarly, if you have any questions about anything mentioned in here, please don't hesitate to reach out to us and we'll share as much information as we can.

We're also happy to discuss non-TSL related questions or conundrums. We know that China can be a difficult place to travel, work or study. If you're coming to Beijing, get in touch and you can visit our centre or observe a class in a Chinese high school and meet our sparky team. If you're wondering what education in China is all about, shoot us an email!

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China: Land of Opportunity

If you've made it this far it is clear that you are interested in China and looking to do something interesting with your life in the future. At TSL, we have a start-up mentality and we are always interested in developing new ideas. If you have an education-related idea, no matter how small or how crazy, and you want to talk it through, get in touch!

Recent ideas that were suggested and are currently developing: a poetry journal for teenagers in Beijing, a partnership with an organic farm and a wilderness activity to encourage Beijing students to develop outdoor skills. Have a great idea? We can help it grow.

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"There is no other job in the world like being a teacher on the Flourish Project. Not only do I get the chance to work with incredible kids, but workshops with Chinese teachers allow us to make a lasting impact on the quality of English teaching in China."

Chris, Virginia Commonwealth University



"The students were so much fun and we had a great team; a high staff to student ratio meant we were able to get to know them really well. This is not your average Cambridge summer course."

Theo, University of Cambridge



"I have massively enjoyed my experience working for TSL and I can't recommend working for the company enough. All my co-workers are friendly and engaging, and working with students means fun treats like ice cream and chocolate cake!"

Ellie, University of Cambridge



"Every day brings a new challenge. Beyond working with amazing kids and watching them grow exponentially, I have been given so many opportunities for professional development that most teaching organisations wouldn't dream of giving teachers. I simply love going to work."

Carl, The Australian National University

“Understanding China is vital for today’s graduates”

Independent Newspaper, February 2013

“China has just overtaken the United States as the world’s largest economy.”

Joseph Stiglitz, January 2015

“Understanding Chinese language and culture is vital to the UK’s future prosperity.”

The British Council, February 2015

“Whether China succeeds or fails has huge implications not only for its own people but for the rest of the world: ‘getting China right’ is one of the most important tasks of our time.”

Asia Society, July 2016

“China is a Startup Nation. In fact, it’s the biggest startup the world has ever seen.”

Huffington Post, August 2016



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