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TCLP Alumna Leads City-Wide Professional Development Program in China

Jia Lili (2015-16) received a Critical Language Project (CLP) grant to conduct a professional development program for nearly 300 teachers in Hebei Province. The attendees learned best practices in teaching, including Differentiated Instruction, Teaching Proficiency through Reading and Storytelling, Student Performance Assessment, Guided Learning Acquisition Development, and Project-Based Instruction. [Read More](#)



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TCLP Host School Application is Open!

The application for applying to host a Chinese or Arabic teacher from China, Egypt, or Morocco is now open. The deadline to apply is **January 23, 2017**.

[Apply here!](#)

Critical Language Projects (CLPs) due November 30

Now is the time to apply for your Critical Language Project!

Remember, all program alumni, current exchange teachers, mentor teachers, administrative representatives, and U.S. schools and districts are eligible and

A Letter from the State Department

Dear TCLP Family,

Hello from Washington, D.C. We are pleased to provide you with the latest TCLP Newsletter as we celebrate the 10th anniversary of TCLP!

We are so impressed with the alumni activities that have been pursued and what we've learned of current group's activities so far. By the time you read this, you will have been teaching for a little while and getting to know your students and communities. We look forward to seeing you in Philadelphia and having some lively discussions about your achievements and your concerns.

To host schools, alumni, and current participants, please continue to submit your videos and stories in the pursuit of mutual understanding. Don't forget to continue connecting with us on social media. So much happens so fast and we want to make sure your voices are heard.

Thank you for joining us to celebrate 10 years of TCLP. We look forward to hearing more from you throughout the year!

Warm wishes,
Maxine Pitter Lunn
TCLP Program Officer, U.S. Department of State

encouraged to apply for Critical Language Projects, which range from **\$500 to \$3,000**.

These projects complement the TCLP experience by contributing to the enhancement of critical language programs in U.S. schools and furthering the teaching of English, Arabic, or Chinese as a Foreign Language in the home countries of the international alumni.

Click [here](#) for the application.

We can't wait to see what you come up with!

Alumni Events and Contests

Lesson Plan Contest

To celebrate TCLP's 10th birthday, submit an original lesson plan on celebrating birthdays in your culture! Lesson plans must be in English, be for a K-12 English language class, and follow a Backwards Design model. The winning lesson plan will be posted on the TCLP website and the winner will receive an award. Submit to tclp@americancouncils.org by **November 7, 2016**.

Save the Date: 4th Annual Virtual Alumni Conference

The topic of this virtual conference will be on Educational Leadership. The conference will take place online on **December 15th and 16th, 2016**.

Click [here](#) to learn more as details become available and to join us in December!

TCLP's 10th Anniversary

TCLP welcomes its tenth cohort of exchange teachers!

News

TCLP Teachers Gathered in Washington for the 2016 Welcome Orientation

The 10th cohort of exchange teachers prepare to take on roles as educators and cultural ambassadors in their host schools and communities



What's your story?

This is the question that the TCLP teachers asked themselves at the start of the 2016 Welcome Orientation this summer in Washington, DC. During the opening ceremony, exchange teachers discussed assumptions about... [Read More](#)

Assistant Secretary of State Welcomes New TCLP Teachers

The Assistant Secretary of State Evan Ryan gave closing remarks and spoke with the 2016-2017 TCLP Teachers at their Orientation in Washington, D.C.



This year's group of TCLP exchange and mentor teachers had the opportunity to hear the Assistant Secretary of State speak, alongside President of American Councils Dr. Dan Davidson, at the closing ceremony of their Orientation. During the session... [Read More](#)

TCLP Host Schools Welcome Exchange Teachers

American Councils and the entire TCLP alumni network are thrilled to welcome the tenth cohort. This year, 16 teachers from China and 8 teachers from Egypt are serving as cultural ambassadors for their home countries.

Click [here](#) to watch TCLP family members from all over the world say why they love TCLP! ([Click here to watch from China.](#))

Send us a video on why you love TCLP tclp@americancouncils.org.

You can also [share your stories](#) and use #TCLP10 all year on social media to keep the TCLP family up to date on your activities!

Looking Forward to Fall Workshop!

Fall Workshop this year will take place in Philadelphia.

The 2016-2017 TCLP staff and teachers are preparing to gather this year in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania from October 20-22, 2016!

Connect with us on Twitter, Facebook, and via the TCLP website to keep up to date with Fall Workshop happenings.

The winners of the Fall 2016 Photo Contest will be announced at the workshop and posted online.

Call for Student Stories

Do you know a student with a story about language learning?

The 2016-2017 TCLP Exchange Teachers were warmly met and excitedly welcomed by their new host communities



TCLP teachers completed their orientation on August 4th, 2016 and traveled that day to their host communities with their mentor teachers for the first time. Across the country, 23 schools welcomed their new Arabic or Mandarin teachers to...[Read More](#)

Alumni Spotlight

TCLP Alumni Impact Continues to Grow

Past participants share their post-program accomplishments



As TCLP celebrates 10 years, alumni exchange teachers across China, Egypt, and worldwide are having an impact in their local communities. Using the best practices they learned in the U.S. and drawing from their experiences in...[Read More](#)

TCLP Announces 2015-2016 Alumni Cohort Leaders

TCLP announces Jia Lili and Ezzat Hassan as the new alumni cohort leaders for the 2015-2016 China and Egypt groups



Have you continued your language studies in college? Did you go on to study abroad in China or an Arabic-speaking country? Do you plan to put your language skills to use in your career after you graduate?

We are interested in hearing how your experience has impacted you. We welcome submissions from student alumni, parents, and teachers of students. Stories may be published in the newsletter and featured on the program website!

To submit a story, [click here](#).

High School Study Abroad Grants!

TCLP Host Schools: Here are two opportunities sponsored by the U.S. Department of State for your American students to study abroad!

1. The **YES Abroad program** provides scholarships for high school students to study for one academic year in countries with significant Muslim populations. 2017-2018 applications are due **December 1**. Learn more at www.yes-abroad.org.
2. The **National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y) program** provides scholarships for high school students to learn less commonly taught languages in summer and academic-year overseas immersion programs. 2017-2018



Alumni cohort leaders are committed to maintaining their cohort connections and building new projects through Critical Language Projects (CLP) grants. After completing their exchanges this... [Read More](#)

Alumna Teacher Leads Discussion about Chinese Education at American Councils

Former TCLP Teacher introduces changes and challenges in the Chinese educational system



American Councils welcomed TCLP alumna teacher Li Qiong and Chinese administrator Chen Pang to its offices this summer for a dynamic discussion on education and school...[Read More](#)

Be Featured in the Next Alumni Spotlight

Take our [Alumni Success Survey](#), or [email us](#) about your latest accomplishments!

Secretary Kerry on "English for All" Initiative

If you teach English abroad, as many TCLP alumni do, you know that English opens doors to education and employment opportunities and helps us learn about one another.

Click [here](#) to watch Secretary of State John Kerry address the "English for All initiative" and how a shared language

applications are due
October 27. Learn more
at www.nsliforyouth.org.

has affected him as he communicates with people
around the world!

Mentors and Host Schools: [English for All](#) promotes U.S.
Government provided opportunities **for Americans who
want to teach English abroad.**

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