

A stylized illustration of a globe with various world landmarks and travel icons. The globe is shown as a white curved surface against a blue sky with white clouds. Landmarks include the Leaning Tower of Pisa, Big Ben, the Eiffel Tower, the Statue of Liberty, and the Sydney Opera House. Travel icons include a yellow hot air balloon, a blue airplane, and a yellow palm tree. The text "Global Student Teaching" is written in a dark grey serif font on the right side of the globe.

Global Student Teaching



VIDEO

SOUTH AFRICA

VIDEO



Comments from GST alumni



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- “GST was the most enriching preprofessional experience TCNJ provided. I learned valuable insights about navigating classroom management, teaching the whole learner, and meeting the needs of ALL students regardless of language, ability, etc. GST set the groundwork for my teaching philosophy and established higher expectations and standards for my instructional practices.”
- “Global student teaching was the most worthwhile experience I’ve ever done, and I’m forever grateful to TCNJ for offering this experience. I felt so much better prepared to help my students and it was such an incredible experience to work with different cultures.”

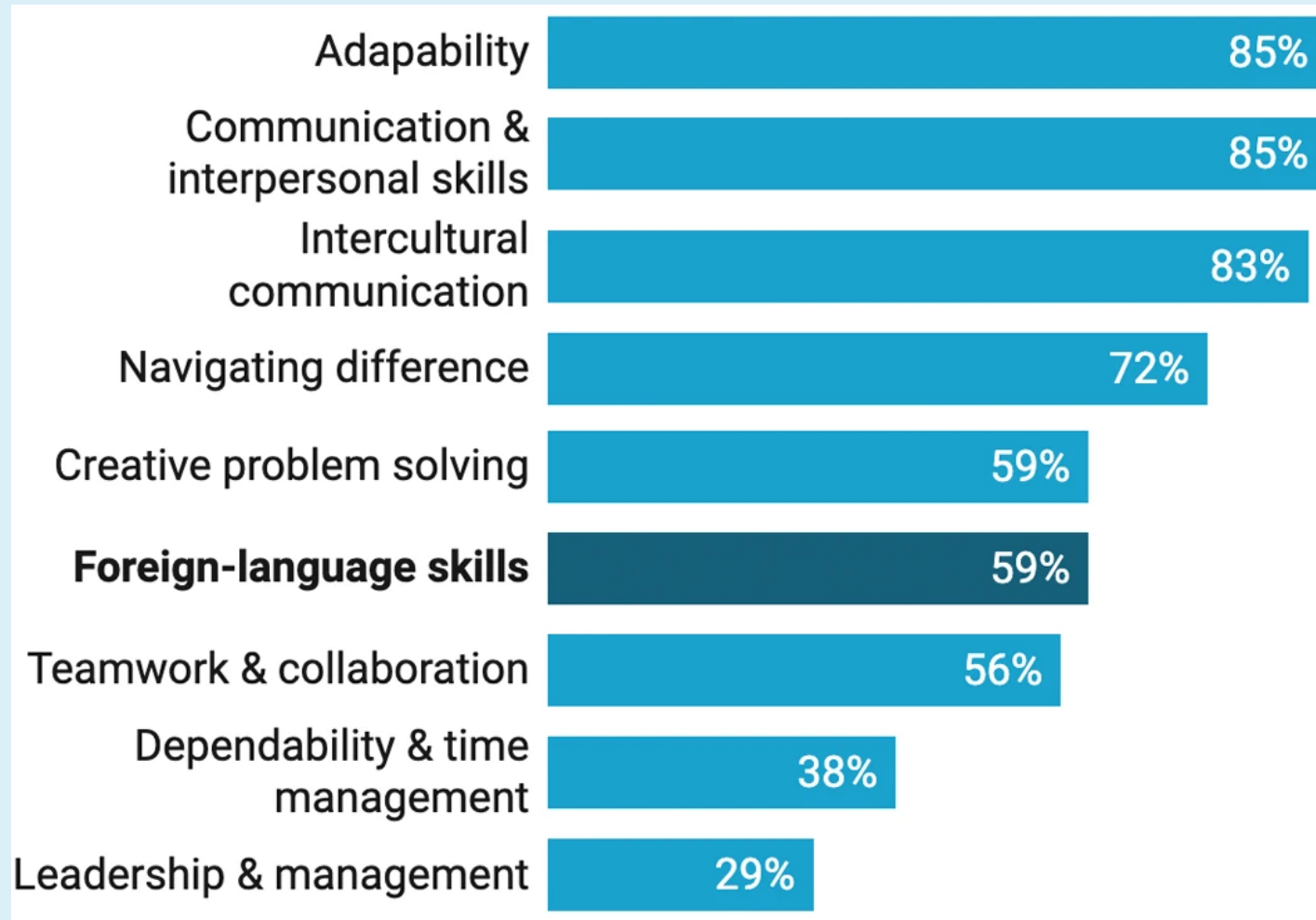
Comments from GST alumni

- The GST experience was the highlight of my teaching career and my development as a teacher. It taught me about culturally relevant and sustaining pedagogy. It taught me to teach with heart. The experience taught me skills to connect with people that just cannot be taught within the four walls of a classroom. It is also something that cannot be taught within NJ public schools. It is not until you leave your comfort zone that you are prepared to teach students that are uncomfortable. It is not until you experience what it feels like being a minority that you learn how to teach students that are minorities as effectively as possible. GST is hands-down the best part of my TCNJ experience.



Benefits of study abroad

Skills gained from study abroad



Skills gained from GST

- Professional and personal growth (esp. confidence)
- Develop a community of learners in a classroom
- Effectively working with diverse students
- Appreciating and celebrating students' culture
- Connecting with students
- Effectively incorporating SEL
- Effectively meeting the needs of MLLs
- Connecting learning to the real world
- Stronger understanding of self
- Stronger understanding of the US and US culture





The Basics

- 7-8 weeks (First half of Clinical II semester)
- Return to US and teach in a public school
- Live in apartment in the city or near the school
- Opportunity to travel on the weekends
- Travel with at least one other TCNJ student



The Schools



- English speaking international schools with American curriculums
 - *Everything is in English: teaching, announcements, etc*
- Staff: mostly American, sometimes British and/or Australian teachers, sometimes local teachers
- Students: depends on school- some are mostly American, some have more local children
 - *Ex: American Overseas School of Rome- aims for 1/3 American students, 1/3 Italian and 1/3 from other countries*



School community





Most frequently asked question: Does it look good on a resume?

YES!

“I was sought after because of my global teaching experience and had job offers across the state. All of my interviewers wanted to hear about the global teaching experience and said it set me apart from other interviewees. “





Costs and Housing

- \$300 fee
- TCNJ faculty help with finding housing
- Travel with at least one other student
- Housing cost varies
 - Rome- \$1600 for two months,
 - Prague- \$1800 for two months
 - Ghana-\$1200 for two months





Financial Aid

- Tuition and housing/living expenses covered by financial aid
- Living on campus: credit for the quarter
- Living at home during second half of Clinical II/Student Teaching





Overall Cost

- Most students report that they spend between \$4,000 and \$5,000 depending on the site and amount of extra travel
- BUT costs above the amount to stay home are much lower (flight, extra travel)
- Costs incurred during global or domestic:
 - *Housing*
 - *Food*
 - *transportation*





Cost Comparison: On campus housing

GST COSTS: ROME

- Flight= \$800
- Housing= \$1400
- Transportation=\$85
- Groceries=\$500
- Health insurance=\$120
- **TOTAL without weekend trips=\$2905**
- Additional for weekend trips: \$2000

ON CAMPUS HOUSING

- Transportation to school= \$346
 - *30 miles/day for 7 weeks x .33*
 - Room and board= \$3519
 - *Room=\$4,757*
 - *Meal plan B= \$2,280*
 - *Total= \$7,038*
 - *Divided by 2 (credit given for 8 weeks away)=\$3519*
- Total= \$3,865***

Total cost for semester living on campus:



- GST plus second half on campus:\$6770
 - \$2905 *while abroad*
 - \$3865 *second half*
- (without weekend trips)

- Full semester on campus: \$7,730



Cost Comparison: Off campus



GST COSTS: FINLAND

- Flight= \$900
- Housing= \$1600
- Transportation=\$250
- Groceries=\$600
- Health insurance=\$120
- Off campus rent while abroad: \$1200
- TOTAL without weekend trips=\$4,670
- Additional for weekend trips: \$1000?

OFF CAMPUS HOUSING FOR 2 MONTHS

- Transportation to school= \$525
 - 30 miles/day for 7 weeks
x .50
 - Room and board= \$1700
 - Room=\$1,200
 - Meals: \$500
 - Total= \$1,700
- Total= \$2,225





Living at family home after return?

Cost while abroad:
(without weekend trips)
\$2900

If lived on campus for full semester= \$7,730

Savings for living at home=? Depends on food and transportation





Scholarships

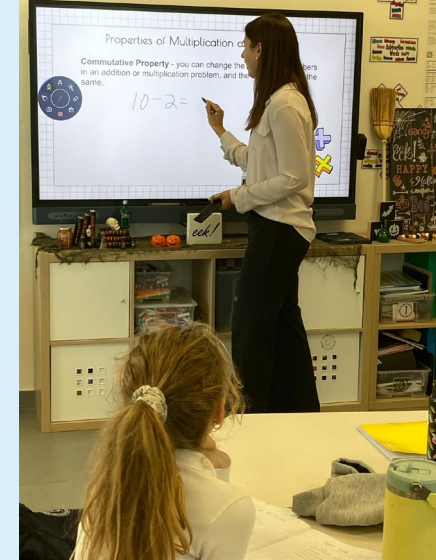
- School of Education GST Scholarship
- EOF: Let the program know you are applying
- Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad grants
- Morton Winston Scholarship for Study Abroad (TCNJ)
- Gilman Scholarships
 - *Eligible if you receive a federal Pell grant*
 - *Preference given to certain regions, including Africa and Asia*
 - *Awards up to \$5,000*



Application

- **Process:**

- *January 30th: deadline for application*
 - \$300 fee- on Paws at start of GST semester
 - Physical form not due until prior to departure
- *February/early March: interviews*
 - You will be contacted by the STEP office
- *Early March: approval from departments/clinical I professors*
- *Mid-March: notification*
- *Late March: roundtable meeting with former GSTs*
- *May-June: placement notification*



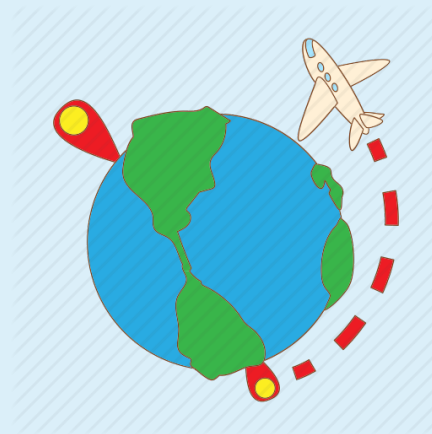
NOT SURE IF YOU SHOULD APPLY?

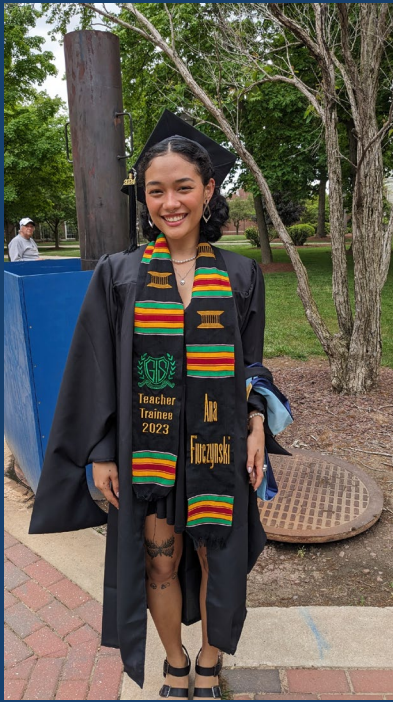
Apply and you can withdraw if necessary – just be sure to keep me posted.



CHOOSING A SITE

- Costs can vary
- Advantages of different sites
 - Be flexible!





GHANA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL





ACCRA, GHANA





MAGIC YEARS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, BANGKOK



Bangkok



International School of Trieste



Trieste, Italy



Sites



- Accra, Ghana
- Bangkok, TH
- Carinthia, Austria
- Espoo, Finland
- Jeju, South Korea
- Mallorca, Spain (gr.6-12 only)
- Paris (gr. P-8 only)
- Prague, CZ
- Rome
- Puerto Rico
- Trieste, IT
- Udine, IT



REQUESTS FOR TRAVEL COMPANIONS



You may request to travel with a friend. We will do our best to place you together. **BUT** it may not be possible.

You must be FLEXIBLE



APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications due: January 30th for FALL 2024 and SPRING 2025

Forms available on website next week

If you are accepted:



- *Meet with students who have returned in March at roundtable*
- *Several meetings with TCNJ faculty member site supervisor*
- *Communicate with cooperating teacher in placement abroad*
- *Meet with capstone prof.*





While you are there...

- Work with cooperating teacher
- Communicate with TCNJ faculty on campus with weekly reflections
- Submit two video lessons for feedback
- TCNJ faculty visit and observe at least two lessons
- Keep in touch with capstone professor



Support and Safety

- On-site supervisors serve as main contact for the students and the college
 - *Provide guidance and support before and during the time abroad*
- Schools and apartments are in generally safe areas
- Students travel in groups (preferably three or more)



Questions?



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