



ENGLISH TEACHER VOLUNTEER POSITION At the future Patagonia National Park



[Conservacion Patagonica](#), an NGO working to create new national parks in Patagonia, is looking for an experienced, adventurous volunteer English teacher, to work at the school at the future Patagonia National Park. Due to the park's remote location, Conservacion Patagonica runs this school for employees' children; for the 2014 school year, there will be 10 children, ages 5 - 11.

The English teacher will work closely with the school's two full-time teachers to design and teach lessons for students of various grade levels. Since English is a mandatory element of the curriculum in Chile for students over 10 years old, particular emphasis will be put on preparing older students for national exams. The teacher will lead two to three classes a day, about four to five hours of classroom time.

This volunteer position covers food and housing while at the future Patagonia National Park, a beautiful and remote location, but not transportation to and from the park. The teacher should have plenty of free time to explore the park and surrounding area.

For the 2014 school year, we are looking for two teachers: one for April 1 - June 30, and one for August 15 - November 15, with a few days of flexibility around these dates.

Qualifications Needed:

- Fluency in English and Spanish - native English speaker desired
- Demonstrated teaching experience, with an ability to develop a basic curriculum independently. Language teaching experience a plus
- Commitment to three months of volunteer work, including teaching, lesson preparation, meetings with teachers and parents, cleaning the classroom, and other tasks that arise
- Self-starter and self-sufficient
- Willingness to live and work in a remote setting with little access to vehicles
- Enthusiasm for conservation and interest in joining the Park project

Logistical Information:

Traveling to the future Patagonia National Park

Getting to PNP requires flying to Balmaceda, the airport for Coyhaique, and then taking a bus (or hitchhiking) down to the park, a 6-8 hour bus ride south on the Carretera Austral, the main (and only) north-south highway in southern Chile. We can help figure out the exact logistics, but there's generally one bus a day headed to the park.

Living at Patagonia National Park

Since our team is hard at work building this park, space at the central park headquarters can be tight. There are around eight houses in this area, providing housing for the 50 people currently working on this project. We provide a shared room for the volunteer teacher. Meals are served in a central dining hall, where other volunteers and park employees eat. Internet access is slow but available. The nearest town is Cochrane, a settlement of 3,000 people, about 40 minutes away.

Application Information:

If you think you are a good fit for the project, please send a resume and cover letter explaining your interest in the position, your teaching experience, and your willingness to live and work in a small isolated community to info@conservacionpatagonica.org with the heading "English Teacher Application." Please apply by February 15 for the April position, and June 1 for the August position.

Thank you!