We are very excited that School of Education students have the opportunity to undertake teaching experience in bilingual schools in Chile. This opportunity has been set up by a partnership between Oxford Brookes University and Cognita, a UK based Education group.

This is a fantastic opportunity for students to experience life and work in a South American country that will develop both their life and employment skills.

**Which courses do I have to be studying to be eligible for the teaching experience in Chile?**
The placement is available to all second year English Language and Communication and Early Childhood Studies students.

**What is the length of the placement?**
About twelve weeks during the months of June, July, August and September with a two week holiday in August.

**Do I need teaching experience to be able to go on the trip?**
You don't need teaching experience to be eligible to apply for the trip but as places are limited students who have this, or who have studied a teaching module are in a better position to be selected.

**How are students selected for the placement?**
There will be a selection process involving staff from both the School of Education and Cognita. This will consider areas such as your progress on the course and modules taken; your interest in teaching and relevant previous experience (e.g. voluntary education work; experience in schools; or summer teaching jobs, ELT etc.). All teachers in Chile are required by law to take a personality inventory which includes online questions and an interview.

**Where in Chile will I be living and working?**
Santiago.

**What type of school will I be teaching in?**
You will be teaching in one of the Cogníta schools in Santiago. These are most likely to be the bilingual schools: Chicureo; Huechuraba; Peñalolén.

**What age range will I be teaching?**
The age range of children at Cognita schools is 3 – 18 years. The actual age of children to be taught by Oxford Brookes students is still to be confirmed but it is likely to be in the younger age range.

**Will I have time to travel while on placement?**
You will have a two week holiday in August, when you can spend your time how you choose.
Where will I live while on placement?
Accommodation is organised by Cognita on a homestay basis, where you will stay with locals in their home.

Will I have to pay for my flights?
Cognita will fund the cost of your flights to Chile.

Will I be paid for my work teaching?
There will be an allowance to cover expenses. The amount is to be confirmed.

Will there be any costs involved with the trip?
You will have to pay a deposit of approx. £200 - £300, which will be refunded on departure.

Disclosure and Barring Service checks (DSB)
To undertake the placement you will have to acquire a DBS certificate. The present cost is £44 (March 2016)

Will I need a visa?
You will need a visa. The actual type – tourist or working is to be confirmed. Cognita will fund the cost of the visa.

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Santiago, Chile

Huechuraba, Chile