



## Wonderland Academy (Salamanca, Spain) offers job placements to Erasmus Plus grant holders for the school year 2020/2021.

We need:	We guarantee:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Students who are enthusiastic about teaching</li><li>➤ Students who love being around young learners just as much as being around adults</li><li>➤ Students who would like to discover what teaching is all about in the most practical way possible</li><li>➤ Students who are responsible and committed to everything they do</li><li>➤ Students who are willing to work in an international team teachers</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Monthly refund for the bus rides</li><li>➤ Monthly salary: 200€ (for <b>25</b> teaching hours per week)</li><li>➤ Free Spanish classes at the academy once a week</li><li>➤ A friendly working environment</li><li>➤ Liability and accident insurance at the workplace</li><li>➤ Gaining experience teaching all types of ages and class types</li></ul>
Training includes:	Trainees 'tasks:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ preparation of Trinity GESE / ISE exams</li><li>➤ preparation of Cambridge exams</li><li>➤ teaching conversation classes</li><li>➤ teaching school reinforcement classes</li><li>➤ training on lesson planning</li><li>➤ adapting your classes to the age and the needs of your students</li><li>➤ the use of online resources and digital board</li><li>➤ getting familiar with all the materials available at the academy</li><li>➤ creating your own materials</li><li>➤ training on how to teach grammar</li><li>➤ training on how to work with different age groups</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Planning your own classes</li><li>➤ Adapting them to your students' age and needs</li><li>➤ Sending your lesson plans one day in advance</li><li>➤ Teaching one to one classes</li><li>➤ Teaching groups of the maximum 4 students at the academy</li><li>➤ Teaching afterschool activities at local primary schools</li><li>➤ Teaching morning courses for adults (groups of 6-8 students)</li><li>➤ Preparing for Trinity or Cambridge exams</li><li>➤ Preparing your own materials / worksheets / online activities</li><li>➤ Adapting materials available online</li><li>➤ Participating in teachers meetings at the end of the month</li><li>➤ Evaluating the students and reporting on their progress</li></ul>
Job placement dates:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Option1:</b> beginning of September – the third week of June</li><li>○ <b>Option2:</b> beginning of September – the end of January</li><li>○ <b>Option3:</b> beginning of January – the third week of June</li></ul>	

### At the academy:

We teach one to one classes or small groups with a maximum of 4 students. We also collaborate with a number of primary schools where we teach after-school activities in groups with a maximum of 12 students. The age of our students ranges from 2 to adults.

We work according to the academy calendar which you will be provided before the school year starts

We run classes in the afternoon from Monday to Friday from 4:00 pm to 9:20 pm. The teaching hours would be distributed from Monday to Thursday, 5/6 hours per day which would make the total of 20 teaching hours plus the amount of time needed to prepare their classes

[WE CAN ASSURE YOU THAT AFTER FINISHING YOUR JOB PLACEMENT AT OUR ACADEMY](#)

[YOU WILL BE ABLE TO CONSIDER YOURSELF AN INDEPENDENT TEACHER.](#)

[WHICH WILL BE THE FIRST STEP TO YOUR FUTURE CAREER!!](#)



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We have been hosting Erasmus Plus grant holders on their year abroad for the last five years.

Would you like to know what they feel about the experience?

### **Lewis Hacker, Cardiff University**

My time working at Wonderland gave me the opportunity to not only improve my Spanish, but also gain valuable teaching experience. The 4 day working week gave me time to explore Spain and immerse myself in Spanish culture, for example by going to Carnaval and Las Fallas. You'll be part of a young, close-knit team who'll make you feel welcome and included from the very beginning. Classes vary in size, pupil age and level, so you will get the opportunity to experience a vast range of different abilities and learning styles. This role is ideal for motivated, hardworking individuals who welcome the opportunity for professional development and who are considering a career in teaching. My time at the academy was incredibly positive and I am now applying for teacher training

### **Emily James, Cardiff University**

I spent 6 months teaching English at the Academia in Jan-June 2018. I had no prior experience in teaching English and was really nervous to start the placement, worried about teaching students the wrong thing, not being able to answer questions, etc. The training that I received was really helpful – I was able to shadow the teacher that I was replacing for two weeks, which gave me the chance to get to know the students, their personalities, their abilities, and the problems I may face. Both bosses were extremely helpful and supporting throughout my placement, offering me help with everything from my lesson plans, to materials and correcting work. The rest of the team at the academy were also extremely friendly, and really made me feel like a valued part of the team. They were also very willing to help me with any problems and offer guidance where I needed it. Since leaving the academy, I have decided to enroll in a TEFL qualification course so that I can teach TEFL in the future, because I enjoyed it so much! Thank you everyone!!

### **Amina Tazim, Aston University**

Spending almost a year with the academy teaching, was an invaluable experience for me and has already opened many doors. I started my placement with no real teaching experience, and with the support from all the staff at the academy I was able to learn everything I needed to carry out my job. To the extent, where I had prolonged my placement, so I could stay to help at the bilingual summer camp. The team was almost like a family to me, as I was able to always rely on help from them if I needed it and vice versa. I had also moved to Salamanca not knowing a word of Spanish, and now I am studying B1 level at University. In that one year I had picked up a lot of the language, just from conversing with locals and other Erasmus students. My position at the academy allowed me to learn a lot myself as well as helping others learn, and I am hoping my teaching career will continue after I graduate. as I have already applied for teaching positions in China!

### **Alex Moscovici, Cardiff University**

I had the pleasure of teaching English at Wonderland during my Erasmus experience in 2014/15. Before then I had always questioned if teaching were the career for me, so I was delighted to use my Erasmus to find out. Teaching at Wonderland was my first experience in the classroom, and it could not have been any better. The team at Wonderland helped me every step of the way instilling in me teaching practices I still use to this day! Every single teacher was warm, kind, open, friendly, and co-operative which made for good teaching and a relaxed yet professional working environment. After my time with Wonderland, I knew teaching was for me and since then have taught English in Italy. At present I am about to fully qualify as a secondary school teacher in the UK. I feel proud of the professional progress I have made, and Wonderland was the very first step! If you are thinking of teaching English on your Erasmus, I would tell you to just do it. You will not regret it! And if you do want to teach, then please teach at Wonderland!

### **Aimee Delaney, Cardiff University**

I was so lucky to get a placement at Wonderland Academy for the summer semester my Erasmus year. The owners couldn't have been more helpful, both in terms of arranging my placement, and preparing me for teaching - for my classes there and for in the future. The staff are a wonderful team and were extremely welcoming and friendly. At the academy, there is the perfect balance between guidance and freedom, as they help you to prepare your classes so that they are at the right level for your students, but they also allow you to often have free reign often in terms of topics and teaching styles. I enjoyed my experience there so much that I jumped at the chance to return when they asked me back after I had completed my university studies.

### **Lauren Henrikson, the University of Manchester**

I spent six months with Academia Wonderland and loved it! Not only did I realise that I want to become a teacher there, but I also acquired great skills with the help of a really great team.

I was given a mentor who checked over my lesson plans and helped me with anything I needed, as well as the rest of the staff who were all wonderful and so welcoming. I was given small classes of different ages and the freedom to plan my own lessons, which gave me more confidence being able to teach and also gave me some vital tools for being a teacher in the future. If you want to become a teacher, this is a great place to spend your year abroad! Salamanca itself is lovely and it is very student friendly, with lots of opportunities to meet new people from all around the world! I had some issues with my accommodation when I arrived in Salamanca and the Academy was so unbelievably helpful through the whole process, helping me above and beyond what I had expected! They really are a lovely group of people to work for and a great starting point for a teaching career.

### **Elizabeth Withlock, Cardiff University**

The team at Wonderland are so supportive. They understood it was the first time I had taught English or lived abroad and helped me out the whole time! At the academy, we taught a range of students of different ages and abilities which was incredibly fun. Whether you're singing songs with a class of 5-year olds or playing word games with adults it is impossible not to enjoy it. Especially when you're doing the topic of Christmas and all the kids are buzzing with energy! The village itself is very close to Salamanca so I commuted to Wonderland every day. Salamanca itself is a beautiful city, home to the oldest and most famous university in Spain, where there is a lot to do and see, great food and night life.