



Thank you for your interest in applying to our Teacher in Residence program. The recipient of this award will begin his/her residency during the Spring semester of our 2012-2013 school year (January 2013 – July 2013). Upon entry to the United States, the recipient will work alongside The Bridge School staff (teachers, speech-language pathologist, assistive technologist, occupational therapist, vision therapist, etc.) for the Spring semester – approximately seven months. This award includes:

- Travel to/from the United States
- Lodging (Furnished one bedroom apartment within walking distance of school, public transportation and shopping)
- Living stipend for the duration of the residency (\$US1500.00/month)

Applications should be submitted to:

Dr. Vicki Casella, Executive Director
The Bridge School
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**The deadline for submission of applications and all supporting materials is:
March 30, 2012**

Please complete the application, which is comprised of three elements:

1. A 300-500 word essay detailing:
 - What motivated you to apply for this type of learning experience given that it will require a major personal and professional commitment on your part
 - How you would disseminate the information and skills you learn during your residency in your country and region upon return (please be very specific)
 - What support you can expect from employers, the government, colleagues, universities upon our return to your country to disseminate the information and skills you will learn (provide details with names and positions)
2. Letter of reference from 2 individuals familiar with your professional work. The letters should support your potential to benefit from this experience and to make an impact on individuals with severe physical and language communication impairments (complex communication needs).
3. Complete application form included with this letter.

If you have questions or need clarification, please contact Dr. Vicki R. Casella, Executive Director
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A Bridge School representative may visit you and your organization to better understand how your experience as the Teacher In Residence will impact the needs of individuals with complex communication needs in your area.



**Teacher in Residence Application
2012-2013 School Year**

Applicant Information

Name (please underline surname): _____

Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Day Telephone: _____ Evening Telephone: _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

Language Skills

First Language: _____ Other Languages: _____

If first language is not English, rate your competency as follows:

	Basic				Advanced
Reading	1	2	3	4	5
Speaking	1	2	3	4	5
Writing	1	2	3	4	5

Professional Background/Employment

Degree/Field of Study	Date	College/University

Are you a member of ISAAC? ___ Yes ___ No ISAAC ID# _____

(ISAAC membership is not a pre-requisite)

Other Affiliations: _____



Who is your current employer? _____

Your job title: _____

Your Primary Responsibilities: _____

Describe other relevant work experience (setting, title, responsibilities):

From/To	Description

Please answer each of the following questions in as much detail and specificity as possible. Use as much space as you like.

1. Describe how you became interested in working with individuals with special needs.
2. Describe the kinds of training or education you have had in the areas of specialized instruction for students with special needs and provide examples of how you have applied what you have learned in your work with students or clients.
3. Describe the communication and language abilities and areas of need of three students that you know or currently work with who may benefit from the training you receive at The Bridge School.
4. In thinking of the three students you have described, what specific skills/knowledge would you hope to develop during your residency at The Bridge School that would benefit them?
5. Describe any training, presentations and/or professional development activities you have conducted. Please include the topics and the target audiences.
6. Describe the tools and strategies you use to assess the academic level of your students (i.e., reading, writing, comprehension).
7. Please describe the children/clients you current work with in terms of age range, abilities and disabilities.



8. Describe your current work environment including the setting, your colleagues, your role(s) and the available teaching/curricular materials.
9. Describe the materials and methods you use to develop and support the communication skills of your students.
10. What texts, workshops, websites or references have you found to be the most helpful in guiding your work in the areas of augmentative and alternative communication and teaching?
11. If you were to ask your colleagues, what would they say is the most important skill/knowledge you could bring back to share from your experience at The Bridge School?
12. What would you consider to be your major strengths in the areas of communication and teaching?
13. In what specific areas could you provide training and mentoring to the staff at The Bridge School?

Logistics

Do you have regular access to e-mail and the Internet? Yes No

Have you lived/worked outside of your native country previously? Yes No

Where/for how long? _____

Our school is located in a primarily residential community approximately 30 minutes south of San Francisco, California, USA. The nearest business area (shops, restaurants, banks, etc) and apartment complexes are approximately 1.5 miles from the school site.

I am willing and able:

to live alone

to live with a roommate

to drive an automobile

to walk or bike 1.5 miles (2.41 kilometers)

to use public transportation

Are there any specific supports or special assistance that you can anticipate needing during an extended stay in the United States?

Is there any reason, to your knowledge, that would preclude you from obtaining a visa to the United States?
