

GTL Info Session Notes

(thanks to Yida Wang for taking these notes!!!!)

why do host cities like this?

- different ways of teaching (italy for example teaches physics very theoretically)
- making it more fun
- students look up to us

why do students do this?

- good to learn about yourself?
- i didnt super pay attention during this part haha

selection and matching process

- apply online by 9/20th
- can select up to 3 countries
- make sure your country/subject choices match
- select applicants will be contacted by country managers for interviews
- country selections will hopefully be done by oct 30th - some countries are slower (ie. italy)

ranking of choices really matter - and whether your application will be looked at by more than the 1st country is: fit, how many open spots, topic to teach... etc)

what we look for:

- proven knowledge (grades)
- exposure to mit teaching methods (freshmen are only accepted to a few programs)
- experience with hands-on activities
- teaching experience
- communication skills
- curiosity and flexibility
- knowledge of host country, etc

GTL-Korea:

- main goal: developing a great commitment to education in high school, middle school, especially with under-served students
- help them like learning more
- 2-4 students per school
- teams made by early October
- v open ended, format it anyway you want
- usually 2 weeks during iap (1st 2 weeks of iap i think)
- super hands on
- 4/5 host schools, every host is v different so each team is very different - some have fluent english, some are very underserved
- doesnt matter what major, just enthusiasm and commitment to the work
- says v intense

GTL-Spain

- more traditional than korea
- 3-4 weeks, jan 8-31
- private and public, some in the country of andorra (tiny speck on border with spain)
- living: homestay with family who is associated with school
- student matched with 1 teacher and 1 subject. depends on what the host school wants
- language: preference given to people how know spanish, andorra program requested french as well, catalan accepted

- all stem accepted, environmental, robotics, cs, etc
- will coordinate with teachers
- be flexible because stuff may not be planned until you get there
- ~25 spots available

GTL - mexico

- students individually placed
- at least 2 students per school
- living: school dorms, shared apartments, homestays
- prefer spanish
- stem subjects, econ
- 15-20 slots

GTL German

- stem subjects, bio, chem, math, physics, cs
- individual placements, groups of 1, 2, 2 groups of 6
- location: homestay
- prefer knowledge of german, but not required
- 30-35 spots available (a larger gtl program)
- dates are still being confirmed, but 8th-26th is most likely

GTL France

- dates: jan 8 to feb 2 (they really want people to be available for the whole time)
- 5 students (2cd year of program)
- topics: physics, bio, nano, others accepted
- location: only grenoble at the nano@school program
- helping develop workshops for teachers, teach hybrid students
- ideal candidate has taken french 4, has been exposed to france,
- living in student residences, no homestay
- they are being v picky

GTL Jordan

- need geopolitical understanding
- 4 weeks, jan 4 - feb 1
- location: amman jordan
- at least 2 student teams
- v cs focused and other robotic things

GTL Morocco

- french, spanish,
- 6 students
- stem, makerspace, cs
- at least 2 mit students
- homestays

GTL Israel

- startup nation
- same time frame as moroco and jordan
- stem, econ, agro-tech, ...

GTL MEET

- jerusalem and Nazareth
- CSCSCSCS DID I FORGET TO SAY, THEY WANT CS?
- same time as othe middle east gtl
- 4 students in a team
- apply to israel and note that you into meet * not sure about this

*the guy who does middleeast speaks really fast so i didnt catch everything

GTL Italy:

- stem, debate at 40+ high schools
- dates: jan 8-31
- not schools in small towns in northern Italy
- some but not all schools host more than 1 student (tries to place at least 2 students per town)
- all teaching individual teaching up to 20 hours a week
- 1/2 curriculum related subjects TEAL style
- each student has mentor
- living: homestay
- basic costs covered, 1,350
- finalized by end of oct
- between 30-60 students
- does not take freshman, except for debate (Italy teaches it a lot)

gtl eurasia, russia, kazakhstan, georgia

- moscow, yekaterinburg, perm city
- russia and georgia are new this year
- and kazak just started
- stem
- 2 students per school
- stem, robotics, ai, game, cs, etc
- v new and interested people are encouraged to contact the program manager directly

general questions:

- optional letter of rec is v optional (from someone at MIT if possible)
- later on, some programs may ask for one
- programs vary on how they build on generations before (korean alumni sometimes go again, some programs have old lessons on dropbox, some put you in touch with GTL alums of that program)
- also depending on program there is diff amount of work, some are 40/50 some are like 20, some schools teach on saturday. homestays can be v popular because host families can be very welcoming (i feel like this is more common in Europe, like Spain and Italy, France)
- some teams have student team leads or mentors, etc (depends again, on program)
- Italy, Spain, Germany are largest programs acceptance rate is like 50%, 30%, etc. (this feels high tbh for last year) Italy really wants physics, Spain really wants Spanish speakers
- Spain, Germany will not be taking freshmen this year
- France is probs not taking freshmen either
- Middle East says - depends
- you will be notified by country that invites you in for an interview, so it could be any of your three countries (feel free to email someone at any point)
- apply to teach together? NO
- Italy will not send sophomores to a town alone, but will send a senior. sometimes will consider putting someone you know in the same town