

Application information for the post of

## Foundation Teacher & Phase Leader

British International School of Cracow, Kraków, Poland

### The School

The British International School of Cracow was founded in September 1995 to provide an international education for the growing expatriate community. Our curriculum at BISC Kraków is based upon the British educational system for pupils aged 3 to 18. Students in Year 12 and 13 follow the International Baccalaureate programme, leading to the prestigious IB diploma.

Approximately 200 pupils aged 3-18 attend BISC Kraków, who represent 40 countries. With the maximum class size of 16, the overall ambience throughout the school is warm, friendly and relaxed, yet at the same time academically demanding. BISC Kraków takes great pride in offering a family-friendly environment with high learning expectations. Pupils at BISC Kraków continually earn above-average results for IGCSE, IB and ISA (International Schools Assessment) examinations. The school is proud to be registered with organisations such as Cambridge International Examinations and ISA and members of ECIS and COBIS.

### The Premises

BISC Kraków is located right in the heart of historic Kraków, just five minutes' walk from the beautiful main Market Square (Rynek). The school is housed in an early twentieth-century tenement building on a quiet street, within walking distance of a wealth of atmospheric cafes and snack bars often used by our teachers, parents and older students. A nuns' garden belonging to a convent just across the road is used for our younger children at playtime. Older primary pupils are taken to an outdoor play area at lunchtime very near the school. Classes and specialist rooms such as science labs, a computer lab, music room, library and dining room are spread out over the five floors of our attractive premises.

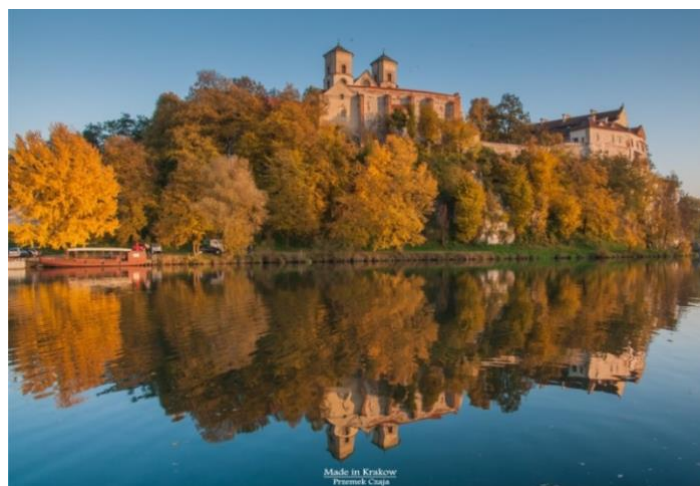


### City of Kraków

For people who like a cultural or social life, Kraków is the place to be. It is a beautiful, historic city which used to be the capital of Poland until the sixteenth century. There are plenty of concerts (classical music, folk, jazz, opera, ballet, and more), exhibitions, cinemas, various celebrated days throughout the year, as well as a huge variety of cafes, clubs and restaurants in the old centre.



Kraków's historic heritage attracts tourists from all over the world. Its proximity to other major European cities, such as Prague, Budapest, Bratislava and Vienna, make it an inviting place to call home. Its close proximity to the Tatra mountain range in the south of Poland provides excellent weekend breaks in all seasons. Other historic hubs of interest within an hour's drive of Kraków include the 800-year-old salt mine of Wieliczka; the late Polish Pope's birthplace of Wadowice; and the infamous Nazi concentration camp, Auschwitz-Birkenau. More and more expatriates are finding Kraków a highly desirable place to live.





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## The Role

We are looking for an ambitious and enthusiastic Foundation stage teacher for our Foundation 1 class, with the ability to lead this department for the 2021-22 academic year.

The successful candidate should have training and/or experience in the British education system. They will be expected to teach the Early Years programme in the 3-5 year age group of our school. Class sizes are relatively small, with the added benefit of having teaching assistants. The programme follows the English National Curriculum Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), taking into account the varied needs of our international pupils, in particular with regard to the low levels of English and therefore allowing more flexibility. Experience with very young children is highly desirable. There is also the possibility of the post being extended to that of a **Foundation Phase Leader**, if the right candidate is found.

We will be looking for the following qualities in our short-listed candidates: flexibility, good classroom organisation and management, a warm and child-friendly approach, clearly-set routines, the ability to differentiate and, above all, to challenge each pupil to the best of their abilities. In terms of personality, the candidate must be able to adapt to various situations, cope with mixed language levels, and be a cooperative member and leader of a small professional team of EYFS teachers.

## Qualifications

- A formal teaching qualification such as PGCE, BEd, MEd, Qualified Teacher Status or equivalent teaching qualification and evidence of in-service training
- A fluent English speaker who has experience delivering the English National Curriculum is preferable
- Capable of delivering quality instruction to pupils with mixed language levels
- Good teaching and communication skills, both written and verbal
- Experience of leading Foundation Stage is desirable

## Salary

Details of salary are available upon application.

## How to Apply

Send a letter of application, CV including photo and the names and contact details of two professional referees to Mr Adam Miller(primaryhead@bisc.krakow.pl).

Applications should be submitted by the closing date of **31 May 2021**. The start date of the position is **31 August 2021**.

The school reserves the right to interview and appoint sooner than the closing date should a suitable candidate come forward. As such, all interested candidates are advised to apply as soon as possible.

## Selection Process

All applications will be reviewed to identify the key skills and qualities we are looking for. These include:

- Appropriate teacher qualifications
- Relevant teaching experience
- Willingness to contribute to the wider life of the school
- Commitment to the safeguarding of children and young people
- A passion for learning and developing young minds
- Willingness to extend past the teaching role and assist the school in non-teaching duties or extra-curricular activities

Short-listed candidates will be notified and will participate in an interview via Skype.

## Safeguarding

BISC Krakow is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. Any offer of employment will be subject to the following:

- The receipt of two satisfactory references (one of which must be from the Principal/Head of your current school)
- A police background check
- A pre-employment medical check-up
- Original ID documentation and teacher qualification certificates
- Certificate of Safeguarding Training (Desirable)

For more information about the school, please visit our website: <http://bisc.krakow.pl>