

Mostar Summer Youth Programme 2026

Teaching Assistant – Job Description

About MSYP

The Mostar Summer Youth Program (MSYP) is a unique, free English-language educational summer program that provides youth aged 14-19 from Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina and the surrounding area with opportunities to improve their self-confidence and key skills. MSYP aspires to be a hub for youth leadership, volunteerism, and entrepreneurship. The program empowers participants in their educational, social and professional ambitions by connecting them with a uniquely diverse group of peers, as well as organizations and businesses working in and around Mostar. It includes courses that encourage critical thinking, creativity and practical skills including: spoken and written English, leadership, teamwork and creative and strategic thinking. In previous years, MSYP has featured workshops and courses on a diverse range of subjects including: Art History, Media Studies, International Relations, Social Activism, Business Development, Creative Writing, Critical Theory, Economics, Human Rights, Mathematics and Logic, Philosophy, and Sustainable Development.

In January 2023, we completed registration as a non-governmental organization based in Bosnia and Herzegovina, under the name UčiMo Fondacija. UčiMo aims to equip youth with skills and academic knowledge that will empower them in their educational, social, and professional ambitions and engage them as active members of the global community. By working with educators from across Bosnia and Herzegovina and around the world, we foster the exchange of ideas and knowledge across cultures. Our multidisciplinary programs - including our flagship program MSYP - are learner-oriented, drawing on the UčiMo Educational Model: Learn, Engage, Create, Explore, Connect.

MSYP 2026

MSYP will run this year from Monday 22 June to Friday 10 July 2026. Workshops, courses and the majority of extracurricular activities and events will be held at UWC Mostar, 09.00-15:00, Monday to Friday throughout the program. Some off-site day trips are also expected to be organised during the program.

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Program dates:

Time commitment: Monday 22 June - Friday 10 July 2026 (approx. 08:45-14:30, Monday-Friday throughout the program; the morning of training in Sunday 21 June 2026)

Location: UWC Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Main responsibilities:

- Support with the delivery of workshops and events
- Support at least one teacher with the planning and facilitation of a 2 week taught course
- Attend staff meetings

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Role Description

Requirements and Expectations: A Teaching Assistant (TA) role at MSYP is an exciting opportunity to gain experience of volunteering, and of teaching and facilitating learning alongside a supportive, experienced team. As a TA at MSYP, you will support at least one of our teachers in their preparation and delivery of a 2-week thematic course taught in English to a group of participants aged 14-19. You will play an important role in supporting our teaching staff to make their courses relevant and engaging for our participants. All staff are also encouraged to attend and contribute proactively to the program's opening and closing events, as well as staff meetings. You will also have the opportunity to help lead participant discussion groups during workshops on topics spanning politics, economics, social entrepreneurship, science and the arts and support with the planning and delivery of a range of activities and events. You should also expect to contribute to some day-to-day program operations as requested by the program management team (e.g. setting up classrooms, collecting printing, translating materials) and to support the rest of the staff team as needed.

No prior relevant experience is required and there are no age requirements for this role, but you must be confident in your spoken English and we particularly encourage applications from students based in Bosnia and Herzegovina who are passionate about working with young people and interested in gaining teaching experience.

Code of conduct and safeguarding checks: You will need to comply with UčiMo's staff code of conduct regarding appropriate staff behaviour for the duration of your work with the program. This will be given to you in advance of the program.

Flexibility: For MSYP to run efficiently, it is important that all staff remain flexible and willing to be called upon to work outside the remit referred to above where it is deemed by the program management team to be in the best interests of the program.

This document summarises the purpose of the job and lists its key tasks. It is not a definitive list of all the tasks to be undertaken as those can vary from time to time at the discretion of the program management team, in consultation with the member of staff.

If you need any additional information or if you have any questions please get in touch with us at mostarsyp@gmail.com

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