

The Valley School, Bengaluru

Invites applications for admission to Teacher Education Program

15th June - 15th October, 2020

(A collaborative initiative of the Schools of
Krishnamurti Foundation India)

Last date of Applications 15th April

The right kind of education begins with the educator, who must understand himself and be free from established patterns of thought; for what he is, that he imparts. If he has not been rightly educated, what can he teach except the same mechanical knowledge on which he himself has been brought up?

So, our problem is not so much the child, the boy or the girl, but the teacher, the educator, who needs educating much more than the pupil. And to educate the educator is far more difficult than to educate the child, because the educator is already set, fixed. He merely functions in a routine, because he is really not concerned with the thought process, with the cultivation of intelligence.

- J Krishnamurti

Objectives of the programme

The Teacher Education Program is a four month residential program that will enable participants to engage with J Krishnamurti's teachings, their relevance in contemporary times and the educational philosophy that derives from the teachings. It will also involve practical work (internship) at one of the KFI schools.

It will provide :

- A sustained orientation and development of prospective teachers who wish to teach in schools.
- A structured opportunity for interested young people who are either starting out in teaching or planning to make a career change to education.
- An opportunity to gain a strong and supple foothold in the ethos and practices of education before taking up full-time responsibilities.

For whom is the programme intended ?

Eligibility

- Fresh Graduates/ Post Graduates aspiring to become teachers in schools.
- Teachers (with or without B.Eds) who would like to re-orient their outlook and engage with new directions in education
- Persons interested in making a career shift into teaching
- Ease with English
- Age 22-40

Program Duration

The program duration is of 16 weeks between June 15 and October 15, 2020.

This will consist of the following :

- A ten weeks' study period at The Valley School, KFI, Bengaluru, to facilitate broad orientation to holistic education in the light of the teachings of J Krishnamurti and his vision of education, and an exposure to different dimensions of being a teacher and a learner.
- Four weeks of school-based internships in two of other KFI schools assigned.
- The prospective educators return to the host centre for a final two weeks session to share experiences and consolidate their learnings.

Desirables

- Awareness of Krishnamurti's teaching
- Good writing abilities
- Comfortable with staying close to nature in a quiet space
- Preference will be given to those interested in pursuing Teaching as their career.



The Valley School, Bengaluru www.thevalleyschool.info



Rishi Valley School, Rishi Valley
www.rishivalley.org

Program Outline

The program introduces the trainee to History of Education including critique of modern education; what is happening in field of education in the country; Krishnamurti's departure from modern education; Krishnamurti's vision of education and the significance of life; the intent of Krishnamurti schools; the themes that emerge from the Krishnamurti's vision of education.



Rajghat Besant School, Varanasi
www.rajghatbesantschool.org

Themes of modules

- Authority; order & discipline; role of knowledge
- Competition & comparison; being and becoming; excellence
- Reward & punishment; success & failure
- Fear; insecurity
- Observation; listening; attention; learning; thought
- Ideas & ideology
- Relationship & working together
- Questioning & enquiry; choiceless awareness



Sahyadri School, Rajgurunagar near Pune
www.sahyadrischool.org

These themes will be dealt with from the following viewpoints and perspectives:

1. Drawing from a general understanding of the theme, examples drawn from daily life, and what is happening currently in the world
2. Looking at Krishnamurti's writings/talks/ discussions on the theme
3. The way it plays out in the school/classroom context

Methodology and Salient features of the Course

- I. Whole group face-to-face engagement with facilitators of the program during contact periods for each module.
- II. Course-work for developing as a teacher, using materials, activities, assignments adapted from course material prepared.
- III. Participation in school activities
- IV. Guided self-learning in a subject area
- V. Internship to be offered in two schools – one of observation and another of participation in the activities of the school attached to a particular class.



The School, Chennai
www.theschoolkfi.org

Objectives of the internship program

Through the training program we expect the trainees will:

- Become familiar with the culture of Krishnamurti schools
- Get a sense of working in a non-authoritarian atmosphere
- Get the flavor of enquiring together
- Encounter key questions in school education
- Enlarge their vision of education and life



Pathashaala, Elimichampet village near Chennai

www.pcf-kfi.org/pathashaala

Living on Campus

It is important that the participants are familiar with

the ethos, culture and lifestyle followed at our Schools and are willing to adhere to them uncompromisingly.

To facilitate this, it is recommended that the participant goes through the individual websites of the host school (The Valley School, Bengaluru) as well as the other Krishnamurti schools.

Rishi Valley School 1929, Madanapalle, A.P.

Rajghat Besant School, 1933 Varanasi, U.P.

The School KFI 1973, Chennai, Tamil Nadu

The Valley School 1975, Bengaluru, Karnataka

Sahyadri School 1995, Rajgurunagar, Maharashtra

Pathashaala 2010, Elumichampattu, Tamil Nadu

Faculty

Each module in the course will be facilitated by one or more experienced senior teacher(s)/ administrator(s) drawn from various Krishnamurti schools in India. A full time coordinator from The Valley School will support the program through its duration. Specific school based coordinators will be assigned during the internship period at various K Schools. The overall responsibility of the program will rest with the Program Director.

Possibility to work in the KFI schools

Any of the KFI Schools may recruit the trainees after the course, depending on requirements and suitability.

Course Fee

Rs 60000/- will be the all-inclusive fee per participant for the entire course.

This will essentially cover the cost of boarding and stay and does not cover expenses of personal nature for the participant. Scholarship may be offered to a limited number of deserving cases.

Application Process

Interested individuals should write to kfi.tep@thevalleyschool.info giving details such as educational qualifications, institutions attended, age, family details, address, interests, work experience and any other relevant information. A write up on the intent of the candidate choosing teaching as a career and what they expect to learn from a program of this nature. Candidates will be expected to participate in a detailed personal discussion at The Valley School during the fourth week of April. **Last date of Applications: 15th April 2020.**