



Company Fact Sheet 2017

About EF

EF Education First is an international education company focusing on language, academics, educational travel, and cultural experience. With a mission to open the world through education, EF was founded in 1965. In the following section, you will find descriptions of EF's different businesses.

Facts at a glance

Name	EF Education First (abbreviated to EF)
Founded	1965 in Lund, Sweden
Owner	Privately held by EF's founder Bertil Hult and family
Headquarters	Lucerne, Switzerland
Schools and Offices	539 in 54 countries
Global presence	116 countries
Employees	46,500 (22,000 full-time office staff, 11,500 full-time faculty, 13,000 part-time teachers)

Overview

Divisions and Business Units

EF Education First is organized in three divisions: EF Language and Schools, EF Cultural Exchange, and EF Educational Travel. Each division has several different businesses.

EF Language and Schools

- EF English Live
- EF Local English Language Centers
- EF Local English Language Centers for Kids
- EF International Language Centers
- EF Corporate Solutions
- EF Academy—International Boarding Schools
- EF Learning Labs

EF Cultural Exchange

- EF High School Exchange Year
- Cultural Care Au Pair

EF Educational Travel

- EF Explore America
- EF Educational Tours
- EF College Study Tours
- EF College Break
- EF Go Ahead Tours

Associated Organizations

EF is also associated with an independent, not-for-profit business school, Hult International Business School, and an independent not-for-profit exchange program, EF Foundation, as well as affiliated with a travel insurance company, Erika Insurance.

Hult International Business School

- Undergraduate Programs
- Graduate Programs
- Ashridge Executive Education



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Countries with EF's own operations

	Opening Year		Opening Year		Opening Year		Opening Year
Algeria	2012	Ecuador	1991	Netherlands	1970	Sweden	1965
Argentina	1979	Finland	1967	New Zealand	2002	Switzerland	1969
Australia	1987	France	1967	Norway	1967	Taiwan	1989
Austria	1970	Germany	1969	Panama	2008	Thailand	1996
Azerbaijan	1999	India	2002	Peru	2008	Turkey	1991
Belgium	1976	Indonesia*	1986	Poland	1997	Tunisia	2014
Brazil	1987	Ireland	2001	Portugal	1991	United Arab Emirates	2008
Canada	1985	Italy	1974	Russia*	1995	United Kingdom	1965
Chile*	1992	Japan	1972	Saudi Arabia	2001	United States of America	1979
China*	1997	Kazakhstan	2004	Singapore	2008	Uruguay	2011
Colombia	1985	Libya	2010	Slovakia	2017	Venezuela	2000
Costa Rica	2005	Luxemburg	1998	South Africa	2004	Vietnam	2001
Czech Republic	2006	Malta	1994	South Korea	1988		
Denmark	1968	Mexico	1979	Spain	1974		

* EF franchise schools also operate in these countries.

Countries covered by the EF Global Network

Albania	Gabon	Laos	Puerto Rico
Angola	Gambia	Latvia	Qatar
Armenia	Georgia	Lebanon	Romania
Bahrain	Ghana	Lithuania	Senegal
Belarus	Greece	Macedonia	Serbia
Bolivia	Guatemala	Madagascar	Slovenia
Bulgaria	Honduras	Malaysia	Syria
Cambodia	Hungary	Mauritius	Tajikistan
Cameroon	Iceland	Mongolia	Togo
Croatia	Iran	Montenegro	Turkmenistan
Cyprus	Iraq	Morocco	Ukraine
Democratic Republic of Congo	Israel	Myanmar	Uzbekistan
Dominican Republic	Jordan	Nigeria	Yemen
Egypt	Kenya	Oman	Zambia
El Salvador	Kuwait	Pakistan	
Estonia	Kyrgyzstan	Paraguay	

Hult International Business School

The global business school with campuses in the following locations:

- Boston
- San Francisco
- London
- Dubai
- Shanghai*
- New York*
- Ashridge Estate Campus - U.K.

* Rotation only campus



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Research and Innovation

EF Learning Labs

EF's research and development unit is headquartered in Switzerland. EF has several hundred linguists, developers, designers, and teachers who build EF's advanced language learning system.

The EF Research Network

The EF Research Network works with top universities to fundamentally improve the way students learn.

- EF and the University of Cambridge's Department of Theoretical and Applied Linguistics have established jointresearch unit to investigate accelerated language learning.
- EF and Harvard University's Graduate School of Education are investigating second-language acquisition in secondary students.
- EF and Peking University's School of Foreign Languages have a research program to examine how to advance the studies of English.
- EF and the University of Tokyo have established a joint program for brain research on second language acquisition.

EF and the Olympics

- Official Language Training Services Partner of Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympics.
- Official Education Services Sponsor of PyeongChang 2018 Winter Olympics.
- Official Language Training Supplier of the Rio 2016 Summer Olympics.
- Official Supplier of Language Programs of the Sochi 2014 Winter Olympics.
- Official Language Training Services Supplier of the Beijing 2008 Summer Olympics.
- Official Language School of the Seoul 1988 Summer Olympics.

Social Outreach

EF offices around the world work with their local communities to give back.

- The EF Global Classroom Foundation is an umbrella for EF's charitable activities, which have included disaster relief in the U.S., China, Haiti, Indonesia, Japan, and Nepal as well as providing funding for better educational opportunities to the underprivileged.
- Every year, the Hult family donates the award for the Hult Prize—the world's largest graduate student competition helping to solve the globe's toughest social challenges.
- The Hult family is one of the founding members of the Mentor Foundation, supporting research and initiatives in drug prevention.
- The Hult family is the founder and sponsor of LegiLexi, a foundation which promotes innovative ways for educators to teach reading to primary school students.
- EF's affiliate, Cultural Care Au Pair, founded and continues to support Cultural Care Kids First Foundation to help children in need around the world.

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