Asian Language Learning in Schools Programme

Registration of Interest: Information

I) Introduction

The Government wants to increase second language learning for all students. As well as learning our national and official languages (English, Te Reo Māori, and New Zealand Sign Language), and Pasifika languages, New Zealand needs to increase the number of students learning Asian languages to support our growing trade and international relationships with key Asian countries.

Compared to many European and Asian countries, New Zealand is starting from a relatively low base in languages education, with low numbers of enrolments in second languages at school. Language learning is one of the eight learning areas of The New Zealand Curriculum. While students are not required to study in this learning area as they are the other seven, the curriculum requires that “all schools with students in Years 7-10 should be working towards offering students opportunities for learning a second or subsequent language.”

Up to 90 schools/clusters will be able to access funding to increase the number of Asian second language learners. The funding ceiling for programmes in individual schools is up to $100,000. Programmes that involve multiple schools may be eligible for a higher level of funding.

There will be two tranches of funding and schools/clusters with successful Registrations of Interest (ROI) will be invited to submit a detailed proposal.

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II) Purpose of the Programme

The purpose of the Asian Language Learning in Schools Programme (ALLiS) is to increase the number of second language learners in Mandarin Chinese, Japanese and Korean, especially at secondary level.
III) Objectives of the Programme

The key objective of the programme is to provide targeted support to increase the number of student learning an Asian language. To accomplish this, the ALLiS contestable fund will:

- provide 'start up funding' to support the establishment of new Asian language programmes in individual schools or groups of schools, particularly those that establish language learning pathways from primary through to secondary level
- support the development of partnership arrangements between schools and external (non-school) Asian language and culture organisations, and other innovative approaches that improve the availability and quality of language programmes for school age learners
- support initiatives designed to strengthen the quality of teaching and learning in existing or emerging Asian language programmes.

IV) Expectations for Schools Applying for ALLiS Funding

ROI for ALLiS funding must meet all of the following eligibility criteria, in no particular order:

2. The programme must be able to continue after the funding ends.
3. The programme must align with the New Zealand Curriculum and the achievement objectives of the learning languages learning areas.
4. Schools applying for funding must be state or state-integrated schools.

The programme should align with most of the following criteria:

a) Is part of a wider school strategy to strengthen language provision
b) Has a focus on secondary students.
c) Utilises collaboration between schools in order to enhance each other’s language programmes.
d) Supports or extends a pathway for language learning from primary through to secondary schools.
e) Contributes to building teacher capability and capacity to sustain longer-term programmes.
f) Involves innovative ways to address shortages of qualified teachers, such as virtual provision.
g) Involves greater collaboration between schools and language-related external providers.
If a proposal seeks 'start-up funding' for a new programme, the additional criteria will apply. The programme:

h) Supports the establishment of new Asian language programmes in individual schools or clusters of schools including at least one secondary school.
i) Supports innovations that allow schools to share teacher expertise and support provision in smaller schools.
j) Incentivises greater sharing of expert resources among clusters of schools.

V) Registration of Interest instructions for ALLiS Funding

1) Complete the Registration of Interest Form attached
2) Include an outline of the programme for the Registration of Interest (four pages maximum)
3) Email (preferably in PDF format) your Registration of Interest to: allis@minedu.govt.nz.

Completed registrations must be received by 20 November, 2014.

VI) Selection Process

A selection panel will shortlist schools/clusters and invite registrants to submit a detailed proposal.

Schools/clusters whose ROI for Tranche 1 is unsuccessful will receive feedback and will be encouraged to submit another ROI for Tranche 2.

Schools/clusters with a successful proposal for Tranche 1 will be expected to send a representative to a Ministry-funded workshop at the end of term 1 or the beginning of term 2 2015 (location and date are to be advised).
VII) ALLiS Programme Timeline

**Tranche 1**

- **20 November 2014**
  - ROI due

- **8 December 2014**
  - Schools/clusters notified and invited to submit a proposal

- **27 February 2015**
  - Proposal due

- **20 March 2015**
  - Memorandum of understanding dispatched to school(s) for signature

- **March/April 2015**
  - Representative from approved schools/clusters to attend Ministry workshop

- **April 2015 to January 2016**
  - Programme planning period

- **February 2016**
  - Programme commences

- **December 2017**
  - End of funding period

**Tranche 2**

- **Early August 2015**
  - ROI due

- **September 2015**
  - Schools/clusters notified and invited to submit a proposal

- **October 2015**
  - Proposal due

- **November 2015**
  - Memorandum of understanding dispatched to school(s) for signature

- **March 2016**
  - Representative from approved schools/clusters to attend Ministry workshop

- **March 2016 to January 2017**
  - Programme planning period

- **February 2017**
  - Programme commences

- **December 2018**
  - End of funding period
Asian Language Learning in Schools (ALLiS) Programme

Registration of Interest Form

Please complete this form and return it with a brief outline of your programme by 20 November 2014.

1. If this registration is for **one school**, please complete:

   School & ID: _________________________________________
   Principal: _________________________________________
   Programme Lead: _________________________________________
   Contact details: _________________________________________

2. If this registration is for a **cluster of schools**, please nominate the lead school as the main contact for the Ministry:

   Lead school and ID: _________________________________________
   Lead school principal: _________________________________________
   Programme coordinator/lead: _________________________________________

   Other members of the ALLiS cluster:
   School names and IDs: ___________________________   Principals’ names: ___________________________
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3. Signature

   _________________________________________
   Date
4. Please tick each box to confirm that your ROI meets the eligibility criteria below:

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5. Indicate whether your registration is for:
   - ☐ the establishment of a new Asian Language programme
   - ☐ strengthening an existing Asian Language programme(s)

6. Please indicate whether you intend to collaborate with a language-related external institution/provider(s):

   Name of provider(s) ________________________________________________________

7. Please attach a brief of outline of your programme (up to 4 pages) including:
   a) Asian Language(s) this programme will support
   b) a brief description of the proposed language programme and specific components or innovations
   c) alignment with *The New Zealand Curriculum* and particularly the achievement objectives of Learning Languages learning area
   d) how the programme will continue beyond the term of this funding support.