

Ministry of Education ESOL INITIATIVE –TESSOL (Teaching English in Schools to Speakers of Other Languages) Tuition Fees Scholarship

University of Auckland (Faculty of Education)

Postgraduate Certificate/Diploma in Teaching Linguistically Diverse Learners (PGCert/Dip TLDL) at the University of Auckland, Faculty of Education, Epsom campus.

This is a new qualification with the same aims as the former Grad Dip TESSOL, which it replaces. The Ministry of Education will fund each teacher for a total of **two core (30 point) courses**. The scholarship includes the cost of course fees for each core course and \$200 towards course-related costs per annum (for two years).

Teachers can graduate with a Postgraduate Certificate in TLDL on completion of the two core courses or continue and complete a further two elective courses to graduate with a Postgraduate Diploma in TLDL (the scholarship does not cover the electives). Successful applicants need to complete the core courses over two years (one course per year extending over both semesters) for the Certificate and have up to four years to complete core and elective courses for the Diploma (one course per year).

For further information about these qualifications, please see the links below:

- [University of Auckland brochure 2021](#)
- <https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/study/study-options/new-programmes/postgraduate-certificate-in-teaching-linguistically-diverse-learners-pgcerttldl.html>
- <https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/study/study-options/new-programmes/postgraduate-diploma-in-teaching-linguistically-diverse-learners-pgdipitldl.html>

TESSOL scholarship eligibility criteria

The Ministry encourages applications from NZ registered teachers in roles including:

- Subject and class teachers
- Bilingual teachers
- Specialist ESOL teachers
- Members of the senior leadership team
- SENCO
- Learning support coordinators
- RTLB
- Early childhood educators

Teachers must:

- have at least two years' teaching experience
- be currently teaching new learners of English

- have New Zealand residency and New Zealand teaching registration
- be committed to completing at least two core courses of the Postgraduate Certificate in TLDL qualification while employed by your ECE service / school
- agree to provide an evaluation on the impact of the training on ECE service/school and classroom practices to the Ministry's National Migrant, Refugee and International ESOL Team at the completion of each course

Schools and ECE services must:

- agree to fund a **minimum of one teacher release day per semester (i.e., two per year)** to enable teachers to attend workshops or to undertake intensive study
- give the scholarship holders the opportunity to share their learning with colleagues
- contact the Ministry if a teacher moves or withdraws from the course.

The TESSOL scholarship selection committee may also take into account:

- whether your ECE service/school already has teachers with TESSOL qualifications
- the ECE service's/school's demonstrated commitment to ESOL professional development.

Application and Enrolment process

Please complete the TESSOL scholarship online application form by Sunday, 1 November 2020 (see the link at the bottom of the page).

If your scholarship application is successful, you will need to work with the University to:

1. apply for admission to the programme
2. after your admission is approved, enroll in the courses you wish to study.

The University will send information shortly after you are notified of the scholarship award. Please complete the University of Auckland application for admission before **10 November 2020** for a place in the programme.

First year study

The welcome for the new Scholarship recipients will be on **Wednesday 2 December 2020 from 4–6pm** at the Faculty of Education Epsom, in N 580. This event will include an introduction to the programme and assistance with admission and enrolment procedures. **You must attend if you are beginning study towards a PGCert/Dip in TLDL.**

The first day of the first course (EDPROF 705) is **Wednesday 24 February 2020**, from 9am to 3pm. From then on, classes are planned for Tuesdays 4.30–6:30pm **OR** Thursdays 4.30–6:30pm.

Second year study

For those who are awarded scholarships for the second year of the GradDip TESSOL, there is no need to attend the welcome evening for first years. The first day for the second year course (EDPROFST 373) is **Friday 26 February 2020**, 9am to 4pm. From then on, sessions are on Tuesdays **OR** Wednesdays 4.30–7pm.

Payment details

The Ministry of Education will pay the first half of the scholarship at the end of January 2021. A payment of **\$2001.24** per person for the first year (i.e., first core course) will be

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made directly into your school's bank account. This includes **\$200** towards course-related costs. A second payment will be made in January 2022 for the remaining core course.

The teacher is responsible for generating their University of Auckland invoice for the course fees. The teacher must pass the invoice to the ECE service/school and they must pay this invoice by the due date. The ECE service/school will reimburse participating teachers for course-related costs up to **\$200** per annum.

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