

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

University of Canterbury (College of Education)

The Postgraduate Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (PGCertTESOL)/ Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Teaching and Learning Languages)

Course details

1. The PGCertTESOL consists of two compulsory papers, which will be funded through the scholarship. The papers are:

1. EDEM631 Foundations of Language Acquisition and Learning – offered in Semester 1 of the 2021 academic year (starting in February).
2. EDEM615 Learning and Teaching Languages – offered from November 2020 to February 2021 (summer school), with a break over Christmas.

Tutorials can be attended on campus or online. The tutorials are recorded for those who cannot attend in real time. The PGCertTESOL is an ideal pathway to further postgraduate study in this discipline, and can lead to a Postgraduate Diploma or Masters in Education endorsed in Teaching and Learning Languages or a Masters in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages.

As an alternative, students can enroll in the Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Teaching and Learning Languages). This comprises two compulsory 30-point courses plus two optional courses, with study online or on campus. The tutorials are recorded for those who cannot attend in real time.

2. The PGDipEd (TLL) consists of two compulsory papers and two additional papers. Please note that only the compulsory papers are funded through the TESSOL scholarship. The compulsory papers are:

1. EDEM631 Foundations of Language Acquisition and Learning – offered in Semester 1 of the 2021 academic year (starting in February)
2. EDMM632 Issues in Language Acquisition and Learning - offered in Semester 2 of the 2021 academic year (starting in July).

Note that enrolment in EDMM632 requires completion of EDEM631 first.

To complete the PGDipEd (TLL) qualification you must complete an additional two papers (60 points) from the Master of Education Schedule, one of which must be the summer paper EDEM615 Learning and Teaching Languages or EDEM633 Foundations of Technology-Enhanced Language Learning, which runs in Semester 2 each year. You can find recommended additional courses, including summer school courses online at: <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/qualifications-and-courses/postgraduate-certificates-and-diplomas/postgraduate-diploma-in-education/>

The scholarship does not cover the University of Canterbury's Student Levy of \$827 (2021 cost to be confirmed later this year) for a full year enrolment. Students may be eligible for a reduced Student Levy cost if they meet the relevant distance study requirements. See also the section called "Rebates for educators studying part-time". You can find more details and an application form at: <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/future-students/fees-and-funding/student-services-levy/> .

For further information about the qualification, please see the link below:

- <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/qualifications-and-courses/postgraduate-certificates-and-diplomas/postgraduate-certificate-in-tesol/>

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 the Ministry funded papers of the qualification
- 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).

Enrolling on the Canterbury University course

If your scholarship application is successful, you will need to apply to enrol on the University's website. You can find course and enrolment information and application forms at <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/enrol/postgraduate/complete-your-application/>. For more advice call the contact centre on 0800 827 748 or email educationadvice@canterbury.ac.nz

Scholarship payment details

The Ministry of Education will pay the scholarship amount for the first course at the end of January 2021. The payment will be made directly into your school's bank account. The payment will include the tuition fee for the 30-credit course (which has not yet been confirmed by the university) plus \$200 per annum (for two years) towards course-related costs. A second scholarship payment will be made at the beginning of 2022.

The University of Canterbury will invoice the school for the course fees per funded course. The school will reimburse participating teachers for course-related costs of **\$200** per funded course.

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