



Opportunities for Teachers of **EUROPEAN LANGUAGES**

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Communication and learning, including teachers' own Language development, are central to Languages programs. The purpose of this brochure is to inform teachers of the range of opportunities available to enhance their learning and teaching of the languages and cultures of France, Germany, Italy and Spain.

For all four languages there are scholarships and grants available for teachers to live and study in-country. Contact details for local and national associations of language teachers are listed along with other organisations that support the teaching and learning of these European languages.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Endeavour Language Teacher Fellowships (ELTF)
Department of Education Employment and Workplace Relations
<http://www.deewr.gov.au/Schooling/eltf/Pages/default.aspx>

ELTF provides selected teachers with opportunities to improve their language skills and cultural understandings through an intensive short-term study program in-country. The study program takes place over a three-week period in January. Applications open in May/June.

Endeavour Executive Awards (EEA)
Department of Education Employment and Workplace Relations
www.deewr.gov.au/International/EndeavourAwards/Pages/Home.aspx

The EEA is awarded to high achievers to enable them to build skills and knowledge through a work placement rather than a study program. Applications for 2012 Awards opened on 1 April 2011.



SPANISH

Spanish Language and Culture Scholarships

Spanish Ministry of Education
www.educacion.es/exterior/au/en/consejeria/programs/scholarships.shtml
Four scholarships are offered to Australian teachers of Spanish to participate in an intensive three-week course at the University of Granada in July each year. Applications close in April/May. A sample program is available on the website.

Mester Language School

www.mester.org/scholarship/
This commercial organisation offers a part scholarship to selected teachers who join its course in Salamanca, Spain.

Spanish Language Advisor

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The Spanish Education Office of the Embassy of Spain through its Spanish Government Adviser (Catalina Manrique Sala) provides information about programs and scholarships offered by the Spanish Government and distributes resources created by its Advisers for teachers of Spanish.

This collection of programs, scholarships and support contacts is not exhaustive and we apologize for any omissions. Information was correct at the time of printing. Information and contributions for future editions are invited. Please contact Claire Leong (cleong@ais.wa.edu.au) at the Association of Independent Schools of Western Australia.

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This Brochure can be downloaded as a PDF from the AISWA website.
www.ais.wa.edu.au
Click on the 'Special projects' tab.

AISWA Language Grants

AISWA

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Grants are available for individual projects to support the learning and teaching of languages in AISWA schools. Potential projects include shadowing colleagues; developing a languages plan; hiring a language assistant; developing teachers' skills and understandings and promoting languages to the school community. Schools may apply for more than one grant when applications open July-August each year.

Languages Consultants

Association of Independent Schools of Western Australia (AISWA)

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Languages Consultant Claire Leong organises professional learning activities for teachers, publishes a regular newsletter and coordinates the distribution of funding for languages projects.

Catholic Education Office (CEO)

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Cherie Hess supports languages teachers and programs in CEO schools with language and methodology workshops, curriculum advice and project funding.

The Native Speaker Tuition Program

Department of Education

www.det.wa.edu.au/curriculumsupport/languages/

Each year, public secondary schools can apply for funding to contract the services of native-speaker tutors across all languages. Tutors work under the guidance of classroom teachers to provide intensive conversation practice for senior students.

Language Assistants Program

Department of Education

<http://www.det.wa.edu.au/curriculumsupport/languages/>

Public schools can apply to host young native-speaker assistants to work in schools for one to three days a week. Assistants are employed directly by the Department of Education and work under the guidance of teachers to develop students' listening and speaking skills.

Australian Federation of Modern Language Teachers' Associations (AFMLTA)

www.afmlta.asn.au

The AFMLTA's biennial conference brings together teachers of all languages, all states and territories and all levels of education to share best practice and discuss issues in languages education in Australia. AFMLTA also maintains a mailing list designed to bring teachers together online.

Modern Language Teachers' Association of WA (MLTAWA)

www.mltawa.org/index.htm

The MLTAWA is the umbrella association for organisations of language teachers in WA, providing advocacy for the teaching and learning of languages, representation in the wider education community, professional development activities and a subscription to BABEL, the journal of the AFMLTA.

FRENCH

Language assistant in France and New Caledonia

Embassy of France

www.ambafrance-au.org/france_australie/spip.php?article861

The assistantship program is open to Australian nationals between 20 to 30 years of age. It enables the selected applicants to work from 6 to 9 months as an English language assistant in metropolitan France, overseas departments or in New-Caledonia.

Baudin Travel Grant

Embassy of France

www.ambafrance-au.org/france_australie/spip.php?article916

The Baudin grants are designed to encourage Australian nationals to study for a semester or a full academic year at a French university at undergraduate or postgraduate level.

Teachers Of French Association

www.tofawa.asn.au/

In addition to providing discussion forums and a newsletter for members, the annual TOFA 'Stage' is the highlight of professional learning activities for teachers of French in WA. Each year TOFA bestows an award for outstanding contribution to the teaching of French.

Alliance Française de Perth

www.afperth.com.au/

Alliance Française de Perth has supported learners and teachers of French in WA for 100 years. Annual events include the French Film Festival (March-April), courses and examinations at all levels.

Embassy of France

www.ambafrance-au.org/france_australie/spip.php?article499

List of associations of teachers of French.

OZ-French discussion list

<http://listserv.mq.edu.au/mailman/listinfo/oz-french>

OZ-FRENCH is an email list open to all scholars, teaching staff and postgraduate students with an interest in French Studies in Australia, New Zealand and beyond. Subscribing is easy: just follow the instructions on the website.

GERMAN

DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service)

<http://ic.daad.de/sydney>

Offers scholarships and advisory services through its Study Information Centre in Sydney and the Lektorinat the University of Melbourne.

Programs range from short-term exchanges for research or teaching purposes through to doctoral scholarships lasting several years. Of particular interest to teachers are the Deutschlandkundlicher Hochschulwinterkurs (University Winter Course Grants) of six weeks duration.

Language Proficiency Scholarships

Goethe Institute

www.goethe.de/ins/au/lp/enindex.htm

Current and future teachers of German with a good basic knowledge of German can apply for a four-week German language course at a Goethe-Institut in Germany. Language Course scholarships offer the opportunity to improve and update German language skills in a German-speaking environment.

Teaching Methods and Socio-Cultural Studies

Seminar scholarships provide teachers with travel subsidies, tuition and accommodation in Germany. The focus of seminars is an update on teaching methods and socio-cultural information about Germany. Some seminars offer more specific training in an area of interest (for example, German at primary level, multimedia skills, drama activities, etc.)

Teachers Association German WA (TAGWA)

www.ausdaf.edu.au/wa/

TAGWA is the organisation that is helping the German language find its way into classrooms throughout Western Australia. TAGWA organises student activities, competitions, the DAS Exam, student exchange programs and meetings for teachers of German.

Network of Australian Teachers of German (NATG)

www.ausdaf.edu.au

NATG brings together German teachers' associations and networks across the country. The German teachers' journal SZENE promotes the sharing of ideas and resources between teachers across Australia and includes reports and information from all states and territories.

ITALIAN

Scholarships for Australian citizens and Italian citizens residing in Australia (IRE)

Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

www.esteri.it/MAE/IT/Ministero/Servizi/Stranieri/Opportunita

A range of scholarships is available for Italian language and culture courses of one or three months, short and long term language courses and post-graduate and advanced research.

Contacts in Australia include the Consulate in Perth, Embassy of Italy or Italian Cultural Institutes in Melbourne and Sydney.

Instituto Italiano Di Cultura

Italian Institute Of Culture

www.iicsydney.esteri.it/

[IIC_Sydney](http://www.iic-sydney.it/)

Information about scholarships for teachers and students and a comprehensive list of web sites related to the learning of Italian.

WA Association of Teachers of Italian (WAATI)

www.waati.com.au/

The aims of WAATI include furthering the study and teaching of the Italian language and culture, both as the heritage of Italy and as a community language of Australia. WAATI has a strong student exchange program between Australia and Italy.

Italo Australian Welfare and Cultural Centre (IAWCC)

Phone: 9228 2220

IAWCC offers language and culture seminars and workshops for teachers of Italian in schools and community language programs.

Dante Alighieri Society of Western Australia

<http://www.dantewa.asn.au/>

The Dante Alighieri Society runs services such as a language school, examinations and film nights for all who share a keen interest in the Italian culture and/or language.

