



Minister's Language Immersion Scholarships 2026 - PUBLIC SCHOOL CATEGORY - EARLY CAREER LANGUAGES TEACHER

INFORMATION: How do these Scholarships work? PART ONE WHAT ARE THESE SCHOLARSHIPS ABOUT?

The prestigious Minister's Language Immersion Scholarships recognise the impact that a quality Languages Teacher can have on creating engaging and impactful language learning experiences for children and young people in South Australian schools.

The Scholarships do this by providing the opportunity for the Awardees to complete an "in-country" study programme designed to further enhance their learning and teaching practices by improving their language skills, proficiency and intercultural understandings.

HOW MANY SCHOLARSHIPS ARE THERE AND WHAT ARE THE CATEGORIES?

One Scholarship is available in each of the following five categories:

1. Public School Category

R-12 Languages Teacher

Early Career Languages Teacher in their first five years of teaching

2. Non-Government School Category

R-12 Languages Teacher in a Catholic School

R-12 Languages Teacher in an Independent School

Early Career Languages Teacher (from a Catholic or Independent School) in their first five years of teaching

*****EXTRA INFO RE THE EARLY CAREER CATEGORY:**

Early Career Educators teaching journey can include contract, TRT and on-going appointments.

Early Career Educators can also apply for other categories of the Scholarships.

The Panel can choose to consider any applicant who is in their first 5 years of teaching who applied in any Category as a potential recipient of an Early Career Award.

WHAT DO SUCCESSFUL AWARDEES RECEIVE?

Award recipients receive \$8 000 to support their professional learning.

The Award funding is provided for expenditure during the 2027 calendar year.

WHAT ARE THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA?

- You have NOT won a Minister's Language Immersion Scholarship before
- You are a teacher currently working in a South Australian school relevant to the category you are applying for
- You must be intending to teach in the Languages field in 2027
- Your Principal/Line Manager must be supportive of your application
- Your application is complete and adheres to the word counts
- You must be able to attend the Educators SA State World Teachers Day Award ceremony at Adelaide Oval on the evening of the 30th October 2026 to receive your Award from the Minister for Education, Training and Skills.
- You must provide consent for your name and image to be used by Educators SA, the Department for Education, CESA, or AISSA, by providing a completed relevant consent form
- You must, as required, be willing to be videoed and/or talk with media, for the purpose of marketing the Scholarships
- You must be willing to share your professional learning with colleagues through an event organised by Educators SA or a Languages Professional Association, so that your experiences can be of benefit to the broader Languages education community
- You are required to submit a short report to Educators SA outlining the outcomes of your professional learning by the end of 2027



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INFORMATION: How do these Scholarships work? PART TWO HOW DOES THE SELECTION PROCESS WORK?

A Panel comprised of representatives from Educators SA, the Department for Education, Non-Government education sectors, and relevant Languages Professional Associations, will be the lucky ones to meet and consider your application. The panel will explore your:

- Eligibility
- Responses to the questions
- Supporting endorsements
- Your "Immersion" professional learning Proposal
- Curriculum Vitae

To ensure the Panel can make an informed decision, Educators SA may choose to chat with your Line Manager/Principal to provide additional information or another perspective on the information you have provided.

If they still feel like they want to dig deeper and understand your application better, you may be required to meet the panel online for a short discussion to clarify your "Immersion" professional learning proposal.

Recommendations from the Panel are then endorsed through Educators SA. Applicants will be contacted by the 12th October to advise you of the outcome!

SUGGESTIONS FOR MAKING THE APPLICATION PROCESS EASIER!

Before proceeding with this online application, have a look at the questions you will be required to answer and plan out your responses out. They can be found on the Scholarship Page [Click here](#)

DON'T LOSE YOUR APPLICATION - UNDERSTAND HOW SURVEY MONKEY OPERATES!

Partially completed applications can be finalised using the same device and web-browser on which they were started. **HOT TIP** - don't switch devices as your application data will not transit across! When exiting a partially completed application, please ensure you click 'next' at the bottom of the page you have been working on before exiting.

HOW MUCH TIME HAVE YOU GOT?

Applications close at 11pm on Tuesday 29th September 2026

JULY - Awards launched

TUES 28th JULY, 5-6pm - Online Information Session

JULY/AUGUST/SEPT - Prepare your application materials

SEPT 29th - Ensure you have lodged your application online by the 11pm deadline

OCT 12th - Applicants notified of the results

WHO CAN YOU CHAT TO IF YOU HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?

Interested in applying? Join us for an online **Information Session** on **Tuesday 28th July** from 5-6pm

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Educators SA:

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LANGUAGE IMMERSION SCHOLARSHIPS AMBASSADOR

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HAVE A GO! GET INVOLVED...
We can't wait to read your proposals!



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Application

Applicants self-nominate for these awards

* 1. I am applying for the Public School Scholarship

☐ Early Career Category

* 2. I am in my first 5 years of teaching Languages including contract, TRT and ongoing appointments.

☐ Yes

* 3. I am an Australian citizen or have permanent residency in Australia

☐ Yes

☐ No

* 4. Applicant details:

Title / Preferred
pronoun

Full Name

School

Email Address

Mobile

5. Principal's contact details

Title/ Preferred
pronoun

Full Name

School

Email Address

Mobile

6. Will you be at your current site in 2027?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unsure

7. If not, where will you be working in 2027?



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Supporting Statements

This section is to be completed by the applicant.

Please note there is a 300 word limit in each comment box - the aim is to make this application process achievable for both you and the Panel. Thanks for complying with this limit so your application can be considered! 😊

USE OF AI - AI is an important tool that all educators use as they create materials and resources. It is important to note however, that applications created with AI tend to feel very generic to the readers on a Panel, and they are easy to spot! Use generative AI powerfully, and make sure it is your voice the panellists are hearing 😊

* 8. **HELP US LEARN MORE ABOUT YOU AS A LANGUAGES EDUCATOR:**

You could choose to share with us:

- how you have approached the learning and teaching of Languages eg: what are the two things you think are most important for successful Languages learning?
- your journey as a Languages educator till now
- what you are most passionate about as Languages Educator
- your biggest challenges as a Languages Educator
- what you are most proud of as a Languages Educator

(Max 300 words)

9. **UNDERSTANDING YOU AS A PROFESSIONAL:** Professional educators are continually seeking to grow! Taking the step to apply for this Award is one way you are demonstrating your commitment to developing further, but we would love to know more! If you think about your time as an educator, share with us some of the steps you have taken to develop yourself professionally as a Languages Teacher (eg: Leadership/Engagement in Languages Professional Associations, Working towards accreditations, professional learning experiences...)

(Max 300 words)

* 10. **GROWING AS A LANGUAGES EDUCATOR - PART ONE**

If successful, what Immersion Professional learning experience(s) are you planning to undertake using the Scholarship funding of \$8 000?

Your response should include a draft itinerary that includes information about:

- **WHAT**
- **WHEN** (include specific dates where possible)
- **WHERE AND WITH WHO**

NOTE: The Scholarship Prize cannot be used to support business development or private enterprise.

(Max 300 words)

* 11. **GROWING AS A LANGUAGES EDUCATOR - PART TWO**

APPROXIMATE COSTINGS (They don't need to be exact, but it needs to be evident to the Panel that you have researched them)

Travel costs

Accommodation
and per diem costs

Costs associated
with immersion
(Course costs etc)

Other expenses

12. **HOW WILL THESE PARTICULAR IMMERSION EXPERIENCES HELP:** Why and how will the immersion professional learning experiences you have planned, help you improve your language skills, proficiency and intercultural understandings?

(Max 300 words)

13. **HAVING AN IMPACT:** What impact will the immersion experience have on student language learning in **your** school?

(Max 300 words)

14. Upload your CV

Please name your file: firstname_lastname_CV

Choose File

Choose File

No file chosen



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Supporting Statement

This section is to be completed by your Principal

You can copy it into this online application form or upload it in Question 18. Please note, if you upload the supporting statement it must address all three of the questions listed below.

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15. Please provide a statement endorsing this application. Comment on the applicant's suitability for this Immersion Scholarship and the potential benefit for your school.

(Max 300 words)

16. It is expected that the Applicant is working effectively as a Language Teacher in your school or other work location. Tell us your most powerful reason for supporting this application.

(Max 300 words)

17. If the applicant is in their first 5 years of teaching (including contracts, TRT and ongoing positions), how have they demonstrated outstanding practices as a Languages Teacher for this stage of their career?

(Max 300 words)

18. Upload the Referee Statement (optional)

Please name your file: Firstname_Lastname_Referee

Choose File

Choose File

No file chosen



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Declarations

*** 19. Applicant's declaration:**

By ticking yes, I am confirming that I am nominating for the Minister's Language Immersion Scholarships 2026. I understand that, if successful, I will be required to attend the State Awards Presentation Evening on Friday 30th October 2026, and undertake the immersion professional learning activities in 2027, as per my EdSA approved immersion professional learning plan. I also agree to share my learning with the education community in a negotiated manner and to submit a report on my professional learning experience by the advised date.

☐ Yes

20. Principal's Declaration

By ticking 'Yes', I confirm that my Principal has seen, and endorsed this application. The Panel may elect to contact your Principal as a Referee.

☐ Yes

21. Principal's Name and Date of Confirmation

Name

Date