

Opportunities for Teachers of **CHINESE**

INTRODUCTION

The National Asian Languages and Studies in Schools Program (NALSSP) is an Australian Government initiative to increase opportunities for school students to become familiar with the languages and cultures of Australia's key regional neighbours, namely China, Indonesia, Japan, and Korea. A number of opportunities are available for both learners and teachers of Chinese as part of the NALSSP, complementing other established programs and projects.

This brochure is an attempt to better inform teachers of the opportunities available to them to enhance the learning and teaching of Chinese. What follows is not an exhaustive list, and we apologise for any omissions. Information was correct at the time of printing and a complementary website has been established at www.deewr.gov.au/Schooling/NALSSP.

If you have any information to contribute for the next edition, please contact Claire Leong (cleong@ais.wa.edu.au).

IN-COUNTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Access Asia Study Tours

Asia Education Foundation

www.asiaeducation.edu.au/for_teachers/

Australian educators have the opportunity to enhance their understanding of contemporary Asia, its cultures, history, traditions and education through in-country professional learning programs during school holidays. The cost of the tour and travel is to be paid by participants but some subsidies may be available.

The China Study Tour

The Confucius Institute

www.confuciusinstitute.uwa.edu.au

The China Study Tour is an intensive nine week course of study in Chinese language, culture and society which includes eight weeks of classes and one week of independent travel. The program is split between Zhejiang University (ZJU) in Hangzhou and the Beijing Institute of Education (BIE) in Beijing. The intensive classes cover all facets of language and extracurricular activities are included which invite students to immerse themselves in Chinese culture and practise their newly acquired language skills. Scholarships are available.

Confucius Institute Scholarships

The Confucius Institute

www.confuciusinstitute.uwa.edu.au

This scholarship was established with the goal of encouraging students and teachers worldwide to study Chinese language and culture in China. The Confucius Institute at UWA is offering intensive Chinese language training scholarships for 4 week, 6 month, or one year programs.

Endeavour Executive Awards (EEA)

Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR)

www.endeavour.deewr.gov.au/Australian_applicants/executive_awards.htm

The EEA provide professional development opportunities for high achieving Australians in business, industry, education, or government. The Awards focus on building skills and knowledge through a host work environment rather than through formal enrolment in a study program. Applications open April and December.



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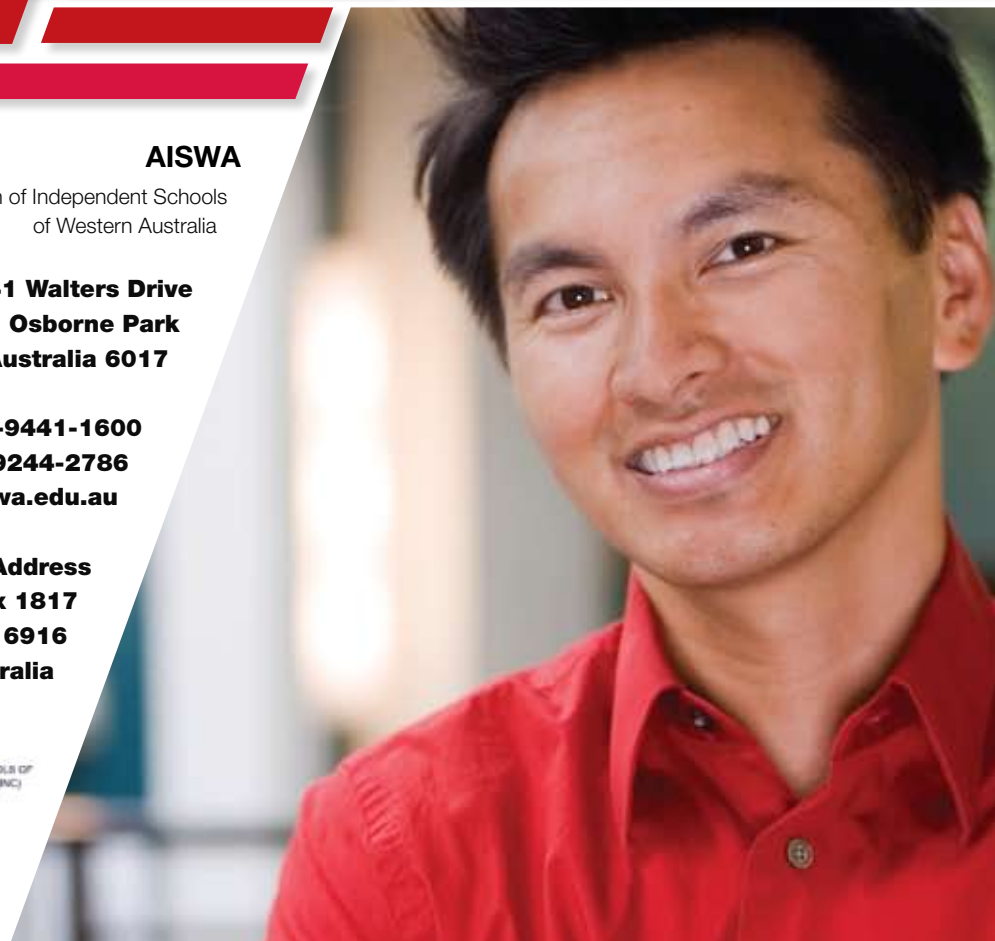
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Endeavour Language Teacher Fellowships (ELTF)

Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR)
www.endeavour.deewr.gov.au/language_teachers_fellowships
ELTF aims to provide both practicing and trainee languages teachers with the opportunity to improve their knowledge, skills and understanding of the languages and cultures about which they teach through in-country experience. The fully funded study programs take place over a three-week period in January each year. Applications open early 2010.

Endeavour Research Fellowships (ERF)

Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR)
www.endeavour.deewr.gov.au/Australian_applicants/research_fellowships.htm
The ERF provide financial support for postgraduate students and postdoctoral fellows from Australia to undertake short-term research (4-6 months) in any field of study.

Sir Edward Weary Dunlop Asia Awards: Fellowships

AsiaLink/University of Melbourne
www.asialink.unimelb.edu.au/our_work/corporate_and_public/dunlop_fellowships
The Dunlop Asia Fellowships provide opportunities for young Australians (21-40 years of age) who are committed to making a lasting contribution to Australia-Asia relations. Fellowships provide a grant of up to \$15,000 for an individually devised program in an Asian country.

Zhejiang University Master of Teaching Chinese to Speakers of Other Languages (MTC SOL)

The Confucius Institute
www.confuciusinstitute.uwa.edu.au
10-15 scholarships are available for international student at Zhejiang University to study the MTC SOL. The purpose of the MTC SOL is to encourage the fostering and sharing of Chinese language, education and culture on an international level.



AUSTRALIA-BASED OPPORTUNITIES

Leading In and For Languages: Professional Learning Opportunity

AISWA/CEOWA/NALSSP
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This five day course is offered over the school year for supporting language teachers to develop the leadership skills they need to support the languages program at their school. Teachers will be able to access on-line FLOTE modules on Leadership. This course can be used as a credit towards a Masters qualification at Murdoch University. Open to all teachers (AISWA/CEOWA/DOE) and a small number of scholarships are available for AISWA and CEOWA teachers.

Many Languages One Methodology: Professional Learning Opportunity

AISWA CEOWA/NALSSP
This is a 7-day professional learning program delivered throughout the year to support teachers as they work with their students to develop communicative and intercultural competence. The program provides a rich blend of theory and practice that is designed to have immediate practical application in the classroom. This professional learning program is suitable for teachers who have had no experience teaching a language, those who have had limited exposure to professional development within the area of languages curriculum and those teachers whose training has taken place overseas. Open to all teachers (AISWA/CEOWA/DOE) and a small number of scholarships are available for AISWA and CEOWA teachers.

Scholarships for the Master of Teaching (LOTE methods) and the Graduate Diploma of Teaching (LOTE methods)

Deakin University/NALSSP
www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/scholarships/teaching-postgrad.php
The Centre for Teaching Asian Languages and Cultures in Deakin University's Faculty of Arts and Education offers HECS-HELP scholarships to competent or native speakers of Mandarin, Japanese, Indonesian and Korean languages to enable these students to gain a secondary school teaching qualification. External studies are available.

SCHOOL-BASED OPPORTUNITIES

AISWA Languages Grants (AISWA schools)

AISWA
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Grants are available for individual projects at AISWA schools to support the learning and teaching of Languages. This may include activities such as shadowing colleagues; developing a Languages plan; hiring a Language assistant; creation of promotional materials; amongst others. Schools may apply for more than one grant and applications open July-August each year.

Becoming Asia Literate: Grants to Schools

NALSSP
www.asiaeducation.edu.au/for_teachers/nalssp_grants/nalssp_grants_landing.html
Schools can apply for competitive grants of between \$20,000 and \$40,000 for projects aimed at promoting the teaching and learning of Asian languages. Applications open May 2010.

Centres of Innovation in Asian Languages in Schools Project (AISWA schools)

AISWA/NALSSP
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Schools or school clusters will be able to apply for acceptance into AISWA's strategy for Centres of Innovation for grants of up to \$25,000. The grants will support school-based strategies to increase student numbers in Asian language subjects.

Supporting Centres for Excellence in Asian Languages in Schools

CEOWA
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Schools or school clusters can apply for acceptance into this strategy.

Hub Schools Strategy (DOE Schools)

DOE/NALSSP
DOE schools are able to apply to become hub schools in order to build and strengthen student pathways for the learning of NALSSP-targeted languages.

The Native Speaker Tuition Program (DOE Schools)

DOE
www.det.wa.edu.au/curriculumsupport/languages/
Each year, secondary schools within the Department can apply for funding to enable them to contract the services of native speaking tutors across all Languages. These tutors work under the guidance of the classroom teacher to provide intensive conversation practice for senior secondary students.

SUPPORT

The Australian Federation of Modern Language Teachers Association (AFMLTA)

www.afmlta.asn.au

The Chinese Language Teachers' Federation of Australia (CLTFA)
www.clfta.asn.au

The Confucius Institute

www.confuciusinstitute.uwa.edu.au

Chung Wah Association
www.chungwah.org.au

The Modern Language Teachers' Association of WA (MLTAWA)
www.mltawa.org

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