

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Goethe-Institut Scholarships for Teachers of German

1 Language Course Scholarships (also open to other "cultural ambassadors")

Teachers of German, prospective teachers of German and teacher trainees can apply directly to the Goethe-Institut Wellington for a scholarship to a 4 or even 8 week intensive German Language Course (any level other than total beginner) at a Goethe-Institut in Germany. Each scholarship, which is worth between \$2000 and \$5000, covers course fees, accommodation and breakfast for the duration of the chosen course. In some cases a travel subsidy of 1000€ may also be included. Applications open in September each year for courses beginning in the following year and close in June, or whenever the quota is full. Teachers can choose any one or two month period, although the December/January courses are popular because of the New Zealand summer holiday break. April and September are also months that often coincide with a two week break, meaning teachers would need only two weeks leave to attend a course.

2 Scholarships to Professional Development Seminars for Teachers of German

The Goethe-Institut Wellington can usually offer 5 scholarships each year to a range of seminars on methodology, culture and special topics. In the past, there was a special Winter Course for teachers from the Southern Hemisphere which was longer than other seminars and coincided in part with our Summer break. There are still usually one or two courses run for two or three weeks in January, but teachers are also able to choose from the full range of seminars (usually two or three weeks in duration) offered between mid June and mid September. A scholarship covers the course fees, accommodation, breakfast and some main meals as well as a travel subsidy of 1000€. ILANZ covers some relief for teachers at state schools selected for one of these awards.

Expressions of interest can be sent to the Goethe-Institut at any time (judith.geare@wellington.goethe.org).

Information about the application procedure is sent out to schools as soon as the quota is confirmed – usually in September or October.

This year (2007) we have given language course scholarships to the following teachers at Year 7/8 level:

- Annette Fourie and Tania Everleigh (Murrays Bay Intermediate School, Auckland)
- Jacques Munro (Nelson Intermediate), Jeanne Munro (Broadgreen Intermediate, Nelson).
- A recipient at tertiary level was Silvia Insley (University of Auckland, School of Education).

Two further teachers at Year 7/8 level went on a language course specifically for teachers at pre-secondary level - this was an addition to our usual quota:

- Jenny Booth (Holycross School, Auckland)
- Nathalie Bourneville (Corran School, Auckland)

Teachers selected to attend PD seminars this year were:

- Ferry van Mansum (Nelson College)
- Joanne Baker (Naenae College, Wellington)
- Kirstyn Mawdsley (John McGlashan College, Dunedin)
- Britta Stahlschmidt (Pakuranga College)

In addition 3 advisors were given scholarships to a seminar for teacher trainers:

- Jeanne Gilbert (Waikato University, Hamilton)
- Noeline Grant (Victoria University,)
- Gunhild Litwin (Massey University, Palmerston North)

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