

Endeavour Language Teacher Fellowships

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Learn the Language, Live the Culture! Endeavour Language Teacher Fellowships Opening June 11, 2014

Practising, retraining and pre-service language teachers can improve their language proficiency and cultural knowledge by undertaking an intensive in-country study programme through the Endeavour Language Teacher Fellowships (ELTF).

Funded by the Australian Government's Department of Education, the unique three-week programme immerses language teachers and training language teachers in the country where their focus language is spoken, and includes language lessons, field trips and cultural activities.

The ELTF aims to improve the language proficiency levels of practising, retraining and pre-service language teachers, increase cultural understanding and strengthen networking among these cohorts, both nationally and internationally.

In January 2015, in-country study programmes will be offered to practising, retraining and pre-service language teachers of Arabic, Chinese, Indonesian, Japanese and Korean.

Practising teachers can also apply for French, German, Italian, Vietnamese and Spanish study opportunities.

2013 Awardee and practising Spanish language teacher Ben Anderson says ELTF had a positive impact in his classroom.

"I can now answer questions about the culture more confidently, and my language skills are at a level where I require much less lesson preparation," Ben says.

"The ELTF is essential for teachers to gain new skills, knowledge, and a better understanding of the language.

"You can study from textbooks as much as you like, but you really need that in-country experience to get a feeling for the culture.

"It was an incredibly rewarding experience, both personally and professionally."

Applications for the 2015 ELTF programme open on June 11, 2014, and close on July 6 2014.

The ELTF are managed by Austraining International in partnership with the University of Adelaide's Centre for Professional and Continuing Education (PCE) on behalf of the Australian Government.

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