

# TEACHER FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

## Description of the Program

The Teacher Fellowship Program is for teachers in NL who would like to improve their proficiency in French. The fellowship is awarded to teachers for one or two semesters attending Canadian francophone post-secondary institutions in a French milieu on a full-time basis.

## Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible, a candidate must:

- at the time of the application, be a Canadian citizen or have been lawfully admitted to Canada for permanent residence in accordance with the provisions of the Immigration Act;
- be a permanent resident of the province of Newfoundland and Labrador. **NOTE:** Candidates from other provinces and territories must have worked in Newfoundland and Labrador for at least one year immediately preceding the start of the university program;
- be in full-time attendance at an accredited Canadian post-secondary institution in a French milieu in Canada (see note below);
- take credit courses only;
- register only for courses where the language of instruction is French. **NOTE:** it is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the courses are available in French.
- hold a valid Newfoundland and Labrador teacher's certificate;
- have taught a minimum of 50 days in Newfoundland and Labrador during the previous school year. **NOTE:** This does not include the completion of an internship.
- agree to return to teach in the K-12 public school system in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador in the next school year.

### **NOTE:**

- If a candidate receives a Teacher Fellowship and does not return to teach in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador in the next school year, they will be required to return the funds received.
- Candidates will be required to provide the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development with proof that they have returned to NL in the next school year and are teaching in the K-12 school system.

## Selection

- Applicants will be advised of their status by email.
- Fellowships will be awarded by computer random selection, if necessary.
- Applications received after the deadline will be placed at the end of the wait list.
- Should a candidate decide to cancel half or all of the Teacher Fellowship, the candidate must contact Programs and Services immediately ***in writing***.

- **PLEASE NOTE:** If awarded the fellowship, the recipient will not be eligible to take educational leave; conversely, individuals granted educational leave will not be eligible to receive funding under this fellowship.

## Required documents

The following documents must be submitted in your Google Form:

- Certification of Teacher Status form completed by your employer (NL Schools);
- A copy of proof of Canadian citizenship or proof of being lawfully admitted to Canada for permanent residence in accordance with the provisions of the Immigration Act, ***or*** birth certificate.

**NOTE: Applications and any required documents must be submitted by Google Form in PDF format.**

## Funding

- This bursary is subject to the availability of funding. Teachers meeting the eligibility criteria may be awarded a fellowship up to a maximum of \$25,000 per academic year (\$12,500 per semester).

## Payment

- A first payment of \$12,500 will be issued upon receipt of the completed ***Fall Certification of Attendance*** form, provided by Programs and Services after selection.
- A second payment of \$12,500 will be issued upon receipt of the completed ***Winter Certification of Attendance*** form, provided by Programs and Services after selection, which must be accompanied by a **transcript of the fall semester**, indicating that ***the student has successfully completed a minimum of four courses***.

## T4A

- T4A forms will be issued to recipients by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. Income from fellowships and bursaries may be exempt from taxable income. It is your responsibility to determine the amount of any exemption that you may be entitled to claim. Information on students and income is available [here](#).
- For more information, please consult the website of the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) [here](#).

## **For additional information, contact:**

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