



2017 INTERPRETER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDY THE DIPLOMA OF INTERPRETING IN: ASSYRIAN, CHALDEAN, KAREN, LAO, PUNJABI, ROHINGYA, SAMOAN, SOMALI, THAI, VIETNAMESE

The Victorian Government is offering scholarships to students who are accepted into the 2017 Diploma of Interpreting program at RMIT University to study interpreting in one of the above languages.

DIPLOMA OF INTERPRETING

The Diploma of Interpreting is a one year, part-time program that begins in February and finishes in November 2017.

Classes will be held at RMIT University City campus in Melbourne.

Classes may be held during the day or evening, as well as some Saturdays, depending on the timetable.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Up to \$3,150 will be awarded under each scholarship to assist with program fees. The specific amount will depend on each student's enrolment status.

Scholarships will be paid directly to RMIT University on behalf of the student.

PROGRAM FEES

The scholarship may not cover the full program fee. In such cases, students will be required to pay the balance.

The program fee amount will depend on the student's eligibility for a government-subsidised place or other concessions. To find out about government-subsidised places, please visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/training/learners/vet/pages/funding.aspx

For more information please contact RMIT University Info Corner (Corner of Swanston and La Trobe Streets, City campus) on 9925 2260 or visit them between 9:00am-5:30pm Monday-Friday. (See: www.rmit.edu.au/contact/visit-us/info-corner)

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for a scholarship you must:

- > be an Australian citizen, or have permanent residency (consideration will be given to applications from asylum seekers);
- > be enrolled in the RMIT University Diploma of Interpreting in one of the targeted languages offered for 2017; and
- > remain enrolled and meet attendance requirements for each unit at RMIT University for the duration of the program in 2017.

Eligible students will be offered scholarships in February 2017 and will be required to formally accept the scholarship offer by 1 March 2017.

NAATI ACCREDITATION

Students who successfully complete the Diploma of Interpreting program and attain a pass rate of 70% or above in the interpreting accrediting unit will be eligible for Para-Professional accreditation by the National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters (NAATI).

Detailed information about NAATI accreditation will be provided by RMIT University after enrolment.

The cost of NAATI accreditation will be paid by the Victorian Government on behalf of students who receive a scholarship.

HOW TO APPLY TO STUDY INTERPRETING

STEP 1 - APPLY TO RMIT UNIVERSITY NO LATER THAN 30 NOVEMBER 2016.

To apply to study for the Diploma of Interpreting in Assyrian, Chaldean, Karen, Lao, Punjabi, Rohingya, Samoan, Somali, Thai, or Vietnamese, please visit the following webpage to find out more about the course:

www.rmit.edu.au/study-with-us/levels-of-study/vocational-study/diplomas/c5328

Complete an online 'Direct Application' on the RMIT University website:

www.rmit.edu.au/study-with-us/applying-to-rmit/local-student-applications/how-to-apply/application-methods/direct-application

You must indicate the language you are applying for in the personal statement section on the application.

You will receive a confirmation email from RMIT University when your application has been completed. You will then receive an email from the RMIT University Interpreting program inviting you to sit a bilingual intake test. You must reply to confirm your attendance.

If you have any questions when completing your online application, contact RMIT University Info Corner on 9925 2260.

STEP 2 – ATTEND THE INTAKE TEST

You will be required to sit a bilingual intake test to assess your proficiency in English and in your other language. You may also be required to attend a bilingual interview. After you apply to RMIT University, please check your email regularly as RMIT University will contact you with details about testing dates (testing is usually held between October and December).

KEY DATES

BEFORE 30 NOVEMBER 2016

- ▶ Apply to RMIT

OCTOBER–DECEMBER 2016

- ▶ Attend the RMIT intake test

MID DECEMBER 2016 – EARLY JANUARY 2017

- ▶ RMIT University confirms the languages the 2017 Diploma of Interpreting will be delivered in

FEBRUARY 2017

- ▶ Successful Scholarship recipients will be notified

20 FEBRUARY 2017

- ▶ Semester starts

30 MARCH

- ▶ Final date to withdraw from the program

APRIL 2017

- ▶ Attend the scholarship ceremony

FURTHER INFORMATION

MINIMUM CLASS SIZES

Interpreting programs in languages which receive low enrolments may not be offered. The languages in which the Diploma of Interpreting program will be delivered in 2017 will be confirmed by RMIT University between December 2016 and January 2017.

CONTACT US

For more information about the interpreter scholarship program, please contact us by email at: Translating.interpreting@rmit.edu.au