

TESSOL (Teaching English in Schools to Speakers of Other Languages) Tuition Fees Scholarship

TESSOL scholarship study options at the University of Waikato

Option 1:

Postgraduate Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (PGCert (TESOL)) (60 points)

The TESSOL scholarship funds the course tuition fees and student levy fee for the **two 30-credit courses** listed below:

- APPLN566 - Pedagogic Linguistics for TESOL (30 credits)
- APPLN564 - Second Language Acquisition: Theory and Research (30 credits)

The Postgraduate Certificate in TESOL is an ideal pathway to further postgraduate study in this discipline. It can be extended through a Postgraduate Diploma in TESOL or a Masters in TESOL. Classes can be attended on campus in Hamilton or online. All classes are scheduled from 4.00pm.

As an alternative, students can enrol in the Postgraduate Diploma in TESOL. This comprises four 30-point courses, with study online or on campus. Please note that only two courses are funded through the TESSOL scholarship.

For further information about the qualification, please see the link below:

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Option 2:

Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (PGDip (TESOL)) (120 points).

The TESSOL scholarship funds the course tuition fees and student levy fee for the **two following 30-credit courses**:

- APPLN566 - Pedagogic Linguistics for TESOL (30 credits)
- APPLN564 - Second Language Acquisition: Theory and Research (30 credits)

To complete the **PGDip (TESOL)** qualification you must complete APPLN564, APPLN566, plus two electives in the subject area.

Both the PGCert (TESOL) and PGDip (TESOL) can be a pathway toward a Master of TESOL (MTESOL).

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TESSOL Scholarship application process

- 1. Discuss your application with your principal or centre director.** If your application is successful, your school or early learning services will need to agree to:
 - provide a **minimum of two teacher release days per 30 credits** of TESSOL scholarship funded study to enable you to attend workshops or to undertake intensive study
 - give you the opportunity to share your learning with colleagues
 - contact the Ministry if you move jobs or withdraw from your study.
- 2. Gather the following information for your application:**
 - school or early learning service number
 - the number of students enrolled
 - the number of staff with TESSOL qualifications
 - the number of ESOL-funded students
 - the number of ESOL-funded students from a migrant and former refugee background
 - the number of ESOL-funded students from a Pacific background
 - the number of international fee-paying students.
- 3. Complete the supplementary information form** (available on the Ministry website). This form has a section for the senior leadership team to complete and it needs to be signed by the principal.
- 4. Complete the online application**, available via the Ministry website.

If you are successful, you and your principal will be asked to complete and sign a TESSOL Scholarship acceptance letter.

Enrolling at University of Waikato

If your scholarship application is successful, you will need to apply to enrol on the University's website. For enrolment advice, contact the Student Centre (0800 WAIKATO, info@waikato.ac.nz) or the School of Education: educ_grad@waikato.ac.nz.

TESSOL Scholarship payment details

1. Send confirmation of your university enrollment to the Ministry of Education at info.ESOL@education.govt.nz. The confirmation needs to include the course code and fees. Suitable documentation includes:
 - enrolment confirmation notification
 - statement of fees/statement of account
 - copy of the University's invoice
2. The Ministry will make the first scholarship payment in February 2026. **The payment will be made to the school or early learning service where you are employed.**
3. You are responsible for tracking the University invoice and passing it to your school or early learning service for payment. The school or early learning service will pay the TESSOL scholarship contribution. Any additional fees are your responsibility.
4. When you have completed the first course, enroll in the next course and send confirmation of enrolment to info.ESOL@education.govt.nz to activate the next payment.