

2024 Language Assistant Program

Department of Education in Western Australia

Are you interested in working as an Italian language assistant in Western Australia? Apply for the program today!

ROLE

Language assistants spend one school year assisting language teachers in the classroom to share their intercultural understandings to enrich primary and secondary language programs. This program matches young people with interested schools which offer a language program. The main focus of the work is to support the language teachers in helping students improve their language communication skills.

Duties include lesson preparation, resource development, involvement in conversation classes, small group work, team teaching or whole class activities. Language assistants are expected to engage students in developing their knowledge and understanding of the cultures and countries in which their language is spoken, in particular, the language, daily life and experiences of young people.

Language assistants are employed as Education Assistants (Mainstream Level 1.1) and will always work under the supervision of the language teacher.

BENEFITS

The benefits of working as language assistant include opportunities to:

- share contemporary knowledge of language and culture
- increase teachers' and students' fluency and confidence in the target language
- provide assistance with all modes of communication (listening, speaking, reading, viewing, writing)
- promote an understanding of the language and culture across the broader school community
- raise awareness of the importance of intercultural and language competency
- promote the benefits of language learning, including broadening career opportunities.

PROGRAM DATES

Employment with the Department will commence at the beginning of the school year in Term 1 on Monday, 29 January 2024. The last day of work in your role as a language assistant will be in Term 4 on Friday, 13 December 2024. For the remainder of the contract, assistants will be on paid leave. Employment will terminate on Sunday, 2 February 2025. Under the current General Agreement, you will earn AU\$30.75 per hour (gross).

HOW DO I APPLY?

Refer to the Selection Announcement for detailed information about the application process.

Applications are to be emailed to the Consulate of Italy in Western Australia via perth.edu@esteri.it by Friday, 1 September 2023.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I AM SUCCESSFUL?

Successful applicants will be notified by email in October 2023. Once accepted into the Language Assistant Program, you must apply for a Temporary Activity visa (subclass 408) Special Program stream through the Department of Home Affairs, before entering Australia from overseas. All activity in Australia is governed by this visa and guidelines stipulated by the Department of Education. Please note, previous 408 visa holders are not eligible to reapply for a 408 visa.

For additional program information, email LanguageAssistantProgram@education.wa.edu.au.