



2012 INTERPRETER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

STUDY TO BECOME AN INTERPRETER

The Office of Multicultural Affairs and Citizenship (OMAC), Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC), is offering scholarships to suitable applicants enrolled in the Diploma of Interpreting at RMIT University.

Scholarship recipients receive \$2,000. This amount will help to meet the costs of course fees for a Government-funded place in the Diploma of Interpreting.

Graduates who complete the course with a grade of 70 percent or higher will be eligible for National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters (NAATI) paraprofessional accreditation. OMAC will cover the costs associated with obtaining NAATI accreditation.

WHAT IS AN INTERPRETER?

An interpreter is a person who transfers meaning from one language into another to help people who speak different languages to communicate.

WHICH LANGUAGE CAN I STUDY IN 2012?

The following languages are being targeted in 2012.

- > Dinka
- > Kirundi
- > Nepali
- > Oromo
- > Somali
- > Tedim (Chin)

WHO CAN APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP?

To apply for a scholarship, applicants should be fluent in English and one of the languages listed above, and should be interested in working as an interpreter.

Scholarship applicants will be assessed on the following criteria:

- > level of proficiency in English
- > communication and interpersonal skills
- > commitment to working in the interpreting industry
- > community involvement

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for a scholarship you must:

- > be an Australian citizen, or
- > have permanent residency.

WHAT WILL THE COURSE REQUIRE?

The Diploma of Interpreting is a one year, part-time course. You will need to attend evening classes twice a week at RMIT University's City campus. Occasionally you may also be required to attend Friday or Saturday classes. The course will begin on **6 February 2012**.

The Diploma of Interpreting will help you develop the skills necessary to become a good interpreter. The course covers subjects such as the role of the interpreter, ethics, English and Languages Other Than English (LOTE).

Students who complete the course with a grade of 70 percent or higher will be eligible for National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters (NAATI) paraprofessional accreditation. NAATI is the agency responsible for setting professional standards for interpreting and translating in Australia. NAATI accreditation is the only qualification officially accepted for interpreters and translators in Australia.

WHAT KIND OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE FOR INTERPRETERS?

Many graduates of the Diploma of Interpreting have found employment as interpreters for a variety of agencies providing interpreting services to different client organisations.

HOW TO APPLY

STEP 1 APPLY TO RMIT UNIVERSITY FOR THE DIPLOMA OF INTERPRETING

Complete an online 'Direct Application' on the RMIT University website:
www.rmit.edu.au/programs/applications/forms#direct

You will need to do the following to complete your online application:

- > register an account
- > login to your account
- > select **Diploma** as the *level of the program for which you are applying*
- > select **C5291 – Diploma of Interpreting** as the *program for which you are applying*
- > select **part-time** as the *study load*
- > provide information on your academic and employment background
- > state the **language** for which you are applying in *Step 4 – Personal Statement*
- > review and submit your application

Applications close 1 December 2011

STEP 2 APPLY TO THE OFFICE OF MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS AND CITIZENSHIP (OMAC) FOR A SCHOLARSHIP

Complete the attached scholarship form and send it to the Office of Multicultural Affairs and Citizenship at the following address:

Interpreter Scholarship Program
Office of Multicultural Affairs and Citizenship
GPO Box 4698
Melbourne 3001

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STEP 3 INTAKE TEST AND INTERVIEW

You will be required to sit a written intake test at RMIT University in early December 2011. You may also be required to attend an interview. RMIT will contact you with further details.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The selection of successful scholarship applicants is a competitive process. Enrolment in the Diploma of Interpreting does not guarantee that you will receive a scholarship.

Please note that scholarships will only be awarded if there are enough suitable applicants for the course to proceed. Furthermore, the scholarship may not cover course fees in full. The fees you incur will depend on your eligibility for a Government-funded place.

For further details see <http://www.skills.vic.gov.au/get-training/fees>

For more information about the Diploma of Interpreting, contact the School of Global Studies, Social Science and Planning at RMIT on 9925 2328 or visit their website: www.rmit.edu.au/socialhumanities

CONTACT US

For more information about the OMAC scholarship program, please contact us on the details below.

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PRIVACY DECLARATION

The information requested by the Office of Multicultural Affairs and Citizenship in this application form is to be used for the purposes of determining your eligibility for an interpreter scholarship. OMAC also uses the information supplied to distribute mail of interest such as: the Victorian Multicultural Commission magazine and events. Individuals who do not wish to be on this mailing list should notify OMAC or the Victorian Multicultural Commission. Information about individuals may also be provided to government agencies or external experts for research and/or evaluation purposes.

YOUR DETAILS

TITLE (MR/MS/MRS ETC)	GIVEN NAMES	
FAMILY NAME/SURNAME		
ADDRESS		
SUBURB		POSTCODE
PHONE	MOBILE	
EMAIL (please print clearly)		
DATE OF BIRTH	COUNTRY OF BIRTH	
MAIN LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME		
CITIZENSHIP/RESIDENCY STATUS		

APPLICATION

Please complete the questions below and forward the completed form with your resume to the Office of Multicultural Affairs and Citizenship. If you would like to provide supporting information you may attach a separate sheet to your application.

WHICH LANGUAGE ARE YOU APPLYING FOR?
<input type="checkbox"/> DINKA <input type="checkbox"/> KIRUNDI <input type="checkbox"/> NEPALI <input type="checkbox"/> OROMO <input type="checkbox"/> SOMALI <input type="checkbox"/> TEDIM (CHIN)

Why do you want to study interpreting?

What experience and/or skills do you have that would assist you in your career as an interpreter?

Describe your community involvement (for example any volunteer work you do or community groups you are involved with etc).

Please outline additional information to support your application, for example experiences in your country of origin.

How did you hear about the interpreter scholarship program?

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