



2020 Language Assistant Program

Are you interested in working as a language assistant with the Department of Education in Western Australia? Two language assistants are sought for the 2020 school year. Apply for the program today!

ROLE

Language assistants spend one school year working alongside language teachers to share their knowledge and culture to enrich primary and secondary classroom and community programs. The program matches young people from Japan with interested schools which offer a Japanese 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, and involvement in conversation classes, small group work, team teaching or whole class activities. Language assistants are expected to engage students in developing their understanding of the culture of Japan, and in particular, the language, daily life and experiences of young people.

Language assistants are employed as education assistants 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 listening, speaking, reading and written forms of the language;
- promote an understanding of the language and culture across the broader school community;
- raise awareness of the importance of intercultural and language competency; and
- promote the benefits of language learning including broadening career opportunities.

WHEN?

Employment with the Department will commence at the beginning of Term 1, Wednesday, 29 January 2020 and the last day of active work will be Term 4, Thursday, 17 December 2020. For the remainder of the contract, assistants will be on paid leave. Employment will terminate on 31 January 2021.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Assistants entering Australia from overseas are required to apply for a Temporary Activity visa (subclass 408), through the Department of Home Affairs. Applicants must be between the ages of 18-30 to be eligible for this visa. All activity in Australia is governed by this visa and guidelines stipulated by the Department of Education.

If you are interested in becoming a language assistant or would like further information about the program, please email a copy of your curriculum vitae and covering letter in English describing your suitability for the program to LanguageAssistantProgram@education.wa.edu.au.

Applications close on Monday, 2 September 2019.