**WA Interpreter Scholarships 2022**

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the Office of Multicultural Interests (OMI)

the Australian Institute of Translators and Interpreters (AUSIT) and

the National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters (NAATI)

***Foundations in Translating and Interpreting***

face-to-face course delivered by

Babel International College (BIC), Northbridge

**Semester 1 February 2022**

# **Guidelines**

# **Background**

The *Western Australian Language Services Policy 2020* requires State Government agencies to plan for, fund and provide language services (interpreting and translation) to Western Australians who do not speak or communicate effectively in spoken or written English.

The policy requires interpreters to hold a credential issued by NAATI, or a qualification from a tertiary institution (preferably both).

This scholarship will support the training of people who are working as interpreters, either formally (paid) or informally (unpaid). The aim of the scholarship is to increase the number of qualified and credentialed interpreters working in Western Australia.

The *WA Interpreter Scholarship* will fund most—but not all—of the cost of the face-to-face *Foundations in Translating and Interpreting* short course delivered by Babel International College (BIC).

A student who successfully completes the short course will:

* have completed four of 12 units from the PSP50916 Diploma of Interpreting (LOTE–English) qualification;
* receive a formal Statement of Attainment which will give credit toward interpreting or another full qualification in the vocational education and training (VET) sector; and
* be eligible to apply for and be assessed for a NAATI credential.

# **About the *Foundations* course**

Babel International College (BIC) will deliver the *Foundations in Translating and Interpreting* short course from February to June 2022. There are two class schedules. Monday and Thursday evenings from 5.30pm to 8.30pm or all day on Thursdays from 9.00 to 12.00pm and 1.00 to 4.00pm.

The short course is made up of four core units from the PSP50916 Diploma of Interpreting (LOTE–English) qualification:

* PSPTIS001 Apply codes and standards to ethical practice;
* PSPTIS002 Build glossaries for translating and interpreting assignments;
* PSPTIS003 Prepare to translate and interpret; and
* PSPTIS042 Manage discourses in general settings.

The short course is delivered face to face, in English, at the BIC campus in Washing Lane, behind 60/188 Newcastle Street, Northbridge.

# **What will the scholarship cover?**

1. Funding of $1,300 towards the total cost ($1,400) of the *Foundations in Translating and Interpreting* short course.

Please note that the funds will be sent directly to BIC. Before the start of the course, you must yourself contribute the balance of $100 for the course, plus $175 for course materials. You must pay a total of $275 to BIC.

1. The cost of assessment for a NAATI credential (depending on your language, Certified Provisional Interpreter or Recognised Practising Interpreter).
2. AUSIT membership for one year.
3. Two AUSIT professional development opportunities undertaken during the course.

# **Who can apply for a scholarship?**

### **Eligibility criteria**

To apply for a scholarship you must:

1. be providing interpreting services either formally (paid) or informally (unpaid);
2. meet one of the following residency status requirements:
* be an Australian citizen or a permanent resident, or be awaiting approval for an application for permanent residency;
* be a holder of a temporary visa (with study and work rights);
* be a temporary protection visa applicant on bridging or temporary visa (with study and work rights);
1. have the English language proficiency required by NAATI and BIC, which is an International English Language Testing System (IELTS) overall band 6 or equivalent; and

Note: BIC will conduct a placement test at the BIC campus for applicants who do not already have evidence of English language proficiency

1. be a speaker of an in-demand language.

For the February 2022 intake, in-demand languages that may attract scholarship support are:

* African languages/dialects: Amharic, Dinka, Kiswahili, Oromo, Somali, Tigrinya;
* Asian languages/dialects: Bahasa Indonesia, Bengali (Bangla), Burmese, Dari, Gujarati, Hakha Chin, Japanese, Karen, Khmer, Hazaragi, Pashto, Punjabi, Tamil, Thai, Turkish, Vietnamese; and
* European languages: Bosnian, Croatian, Italian, Portuguese, Serbian, Spanish.

# **Scholarship application process**

### **Phase one**

## **Application to Babel International College and acceptance by the project partners**

1. After reading these WA Interpreter Scholarship 2022 Guidelines, if you are eligible and interested in applying for a scholarship, you will need to get in touch with Babel International College, Northbridge.

Contact details for BIC:

Please email: info@bic.wa.edu.au or telephone 08 6243 1203

Website address: [www.bic.wa.edu.au](http://www.bic.wa.edu.au)

BIC Campus: 60/188 Newcastle Street, Northbridge

(on Newcastle Street, turn left on to Money Street and left into Washing Lane)

1. BIC will explain the course entry requirements for the *Foundations in Translating and Interpreting* course and will send you the scholarship application formand will assistyou with queries.
2. You must send your completed application form and other required documents to BIC

**by 4.00 pm on Friday, 8 October 2021.**

NOTE: Late scholarship applications will not be accepted.

1. You will receive acknowledgement of your application from BIC by email within one week of BIC receiving your application.

### **Phase two**

### **Assessment process**

### **What are the selection criteria?**

Applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

1. Demonstrated experience either as a formal interpreter (paid work as an interpreter), or as an informal interpreter (unpaid, volunteer interpreter for community members).
2. Capacity and availability to complete the four units of competency.
3. Demonstrated English language proficiency as required by NAATI and BIC, or willingness to undertake an Engish language proficiency test organised by BIC.
4. Evidence of proficiency in a language other than English (LOTE).

### **Assessment**

Applications will be assessed by an independent panel.

Applicants will be advised of the outcome by 15 December 2021.

To be given a scholarship, you must accept both the offer and the scholarship conditions.

# **What are the scholarship conditions?**

1. **Your payment**: If you are offered and you accept a scholarship, you must contribute a total of $275 (balance of $100 towards the course, plus $175 for course materials) directly to BIC, before the start of the course.
2. **Attendance:** The *Foundations in Translating and Interpreting* course will be delivered from February to June 2022.

If you receive a scholarship you must attend all classes.

If for any reason you are not able to complete the course, please tell BIC and the project partners before withdrawing from the course.

## **Reporting:** As a condition of the scholarship, before the end of the course you must complete a form to provide feedback about the scholarship.

## **Applying for a NAATI credential and AUSIT membership**: When you successfully pass the four units, you must apply for a NAATI credential and a one-year membership of AUSIT.

**Project partners**

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