More Teachers, Quality Teaching

TEACHER INTERN PLACEMENT PROGRAM
Scholarships for teacher education students

Teacher Intern Placement Program (TIPP) scholarships are awarded to UTAS students, in their final year of teacher education, who demonstrate academic, personal and professional aptitude for quality teaching.

Beginning your teaching career on a TIPP scholarship is a unique opportunity to complete your final year of study whilst developing your practical teaching skills. Interns are placed in a school and work alongside Practice-focused Mentors (experienced teachers) who support them to develop their practical teaching skills. Interns are provided with adequate time for study in addition to their time in a classroom and other teaching related activities, this will give interns the opportunity to fully develop their classroom practice, so they enter the profession highly skilled and classroom ready.

Being awarded a scholarship is an exciting achievement that recognises a student’s professional potential. The scholarship provides dedicated support whilst developing quality teaching practices, and a permanent teaching position upon graduation and successful completion of the internship. Scholarships offered will predominantly be in regional schools.

Am I eligible?

Applications for the TIPP are open to teacher education students who are on track to graduate in 2020. Intern scholarships are awarded on the following criteria:

- Aptitude – demonstrated aptitude to become a highly accomplished teacher.
- Academic performance – attaining all passes or better in their study to date.
- Professional Experience – successful completion of scheduled Professional Experiences prior to final year placements.
- Final year course load – a maximum of four units per semester to complete in their final year of UTAS study.
- Commitment to teaching - able to demonstrate a commitment to teaching in a Tasmanian Government school following graduation.
- School placement – willing to undertake a placement in school locations identified by the Department.

Previous interns have evaluated the TIPP scholarship as a critical factor in enabling them to be confident and classroom ready on their first day as a professional teacher.

How does it work?

During the intern year UTAS studies continue online while you are working in a school alongside a dedicated Practice-focused Mentor who guides your work in the classroom.

The TIPP covers 35 hours per week on the school site. Between 14 to 21 hours per week is dedicated study time and the remaining time is spent in the classroom or on other teacher related activities. At the end of the year interns will have gained a working knowledge of school operations, practical classroom experience, and established meaningful professional relationships.

What will I receive?

The TIPP scholarship recipients are provided with both financial and practical supports.

- A $15,000 financial scholarship
- Placement in a Tasmanian Government school (35 hours per week) during final year of study, working alongside experienced teachers
- Access to mentor and colleague teachers for professional development to support professional learning and training
- Use of a teacher device (laptop computer), internet and access to the Department’s software and network
- Accommodation and/or travel expense support where applicable
- Consideration for a Limited Authority to Teach in terms 3 and 4
- A permanent position in a Tasmanian Government school upon graduation and the successful completion of the internship

Why does the Department offer scholarships?

The Department recognises that a highly skilled workforce is key to achieving our Learners First commitment to inspire and support all learners to succeed as connected, resilient, creative and curious thinkers. Teachers are one of the biggest predictors of student success, and therefore highly qualified teachers are critical to our achievement of this commitment and improving student learning outcomes.

The TIPP attracts quality initial teacher education students from the University of Tasmania to Tasmania’s Government education system.

Contact

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