

# TEACHER FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

## 2025-26

### Description of the Program

The Teacher Fellowship Program is for teachers in NL public schools who would like to improve their proficiency in French. The fellowship is awarded to teachers for one or two semesters attending Canadian francophone post-secondary institutions, in a French milieu, on a full-time basis.

### Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the Teacher Fellowship, a candidate must:

- at the time of the application, be a Canadian citizen or have been lawfully admitted to Canada for permanent residence in accordance with the provisions of the Immigration Act;
- be a permanent resident of the province of Newfoundland and Labrador;

**NOTE:** Candidates from other provinces and territories must have worked in Newfoundland and Labrador for at least one year immediately preceding the start of the university program;

- be in full-time attendance at an accredited Canadian post-secondary institution in a French milieu in Canada (see note below);
- take credit courses only;
- register only for courses where the language of instruction is French. **NOTE:** it is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the courses are available in French.
- hold a valid Newfoundland and Labrador teacher's certificate;
- have taught a minimum of 50 days in Newfoundland and Labrador during the 2024-25 school year.

**NOTE:** This does not include the completion of an internship.

- agree to return to teach in the K-12 public school system in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador in the 2026-27 school year.

**NOTE:** If a candidate receives a Teacher Fellowship and does not return to teach in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador in the 2026-27 school year, they will be required to return the funds received. Candidates will be required to provide the Department of Education with proof that they have returned to NL in the 2026-27 school year and are teaching in the K-12 school system.

### Deadline and Selection

- The deadline for receipt of applications is **May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025. 4:30pm (Newfoundland time)**
- Applicants will be advised of their status by email shortly thereafter.
- Fellowships will be awarded by computer random selection if necessary.
- Applications received after the deadline will be placed at the end of the wait list.
- Should a candidate decide to cancel all or half of the Teacher Fellowship, the candidate must contact the Programs and Services Division immediately. **This must be followed by a written confirmation of cancellation.**

**NOTE:** It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the application is submitted by [Google Form](#) to Programs and Services by the deadline.

Funding for this program is being made available through the *Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Agreement on Minority-Language Education and Second Official-Language Instruction*.

### Administration

The following documents must accompany all applications

- Completed Teacher Application Form;
- Certification of Teacher Status form completed by your employer (NL Schools or CSFP);
- A copy of proof of Canadian citizenship or proof of being lawfully admitted to Canada for permanent residence in accordance with the provisions of the Immigration Act.
- Birth certificate is acceptable documentation for Canadian-born applicants.

**NOTE:** Applications and any other required documents must be submitted by Google Form to Programs and Services. All documents must be **in PDF format**.

### Funding

- The awarding of financial assistance to successful applicants in this program is subject to the availability of funding. Teachers meeting the eligibility criteria may be awarded a Teacher Fellowship to a maximum of \$25,000 per academic year (\$12,500 per semester).

### Payment

- A first payment of \$12,500 will be issued upon receipt of the completed ***Fall Certification of Attendance*** form, provided by Programs and Services.
- A second payment of \$12,500 will be issued upon receipt of the completed ***Winter Certification of Attendance*** form, provided by Programs and Services, which must be accompanied by **an official transcript of the fall semester marks** indicating that the student has successfully completed a minimum of four courses.

### **T4A**

- T4A forms will be issued to recipients by the Department of Education. Income from fellowships and bursaries may be exempt from taxable income. It is your responsibility to determine the amount of any exemption that you may be entitled to claim. Information on students and income is available [here](#).
- For more information, please consult the website of the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) [here](#).

### **For additional information, contact:**

School Trips, Bursaries and Fellowships  
Programs and Services Division  
Department of Education  
P. O. Box 8700, St. John's, NL A1B 4J6

Via email: [fellowships@gov.nl.ca](mailto:fellowships@gov.nl.ca)

For more information regarding the bursary/fellowship programs, please consult our website [here](#).