

FRENCH SCHOLARSHIP IN BESANÇON



The French Embassy is happy to offer a scholarship for 8 teachers of French to attend a 4 weeks linguistic course (Stage) at the CLA (Centre de Linguistique Appliquée) in Besançon, France.

The scholarship covers: Full tuition fees, including excursions as organized by the CLA, plus full board and lodging and train journey within France (from the Paris airport to Besançon and back to Paris)

Return airfare to France will be at the participant's expense, but the Federal Department of Education will contribute \$1500 towards the cost of airfare

The opportunity of this scholarship will be solely offered this year to teachers of French at the beginning of their career. The successful candidate will correspond to the following profile:

A teacher in his/her first five years of classroom teaching, who has completed a minimum of one full year in the classroom, and will have in 2007 a minimum of 50% teaching load of French in his or her school.

The CLA of Besançon : Centre de Linguistique Appliquée

The CLA of Besançon is one of the most prestigious pedagogical and linguistic centre entirely dedicated to providing training to teachers / students of French as a foreign language. Catering for foreign learners of French from all over the world the centre offers a stimulating learning environment based on the services of highly specialised and experienced staff working at the cutting edge of pedagogical research in a rich and diversified resource environment

Targeted teachers for the January Stage 2007

Teachers of French in Australia, with one to six years classroom experience .

Aim of the course: To provide Australian teachers of French at the beginning of their career with an total immersion / training experience in France. This will be achieved not only in their attendance of the course at the CLA, but also in their accommodation with French host families and finally in their interaction with the Besançon community at large.

Goal and expected benefits of the course: Increase the fluency of teachers and their knowledge base of pedagogical tools in order to build and reinforce their performance and effectiveness not only in their own classroom and school Faculty, but outside it as well through their participation in in-service training within a greater cluster of schools.

Dates: From Wednesday 3rd to Tuesday 23rd of January 2007

Objectives:

- Increase linguistic abilities
- Develop knowledge of pedagogical approaches to French as a second language
- Widen the socio-cultural knowledge of France within the European context.

The programme:

1. **Oral:** the listening process and the strategies employed to construct meaning. Competencies cross-over from oral to writing, and from writing to oral.
2. **The "fun" approach in the class of French as a second language:** games and how to run them in the classroom
3. **Practical use of different media to enhance learning :** newspapers, radio, television and the Internet.
4. **The European Union:** evaluation of the new cultural dimension to present France.

These 4 items are interrelated (ie: games and webquests on Internet could be used to discover Europ).

Visit to a college or a high school:

Activities or socio-cultural visits evenings and week-ends.

Accommodation.

With French host families in Besançon

For more information: <http://www.ambafrance-au.org/besancon>