

FAQs

Department of Education

Teacher Intern Placement Program (TIPP)

Am I eligible to apply?

All UTAS Initial Teacher Education (ITE) students who are on track to graduate in 2023 and have the right to work in Australia are eligible to apply. This applies to full time and part time students.

How will I balance study commitments and the TIPP?

Interns are based full-time at their placement school during their internship year (35 hours per week). They are provided up to 21 hours per week of dedicated study time to complete their university requirements, with the remaining time spent in the classroom or on teacher related activities.

Where will I complete my Professional Experience days?

Your Professional Experience days will be completed at your placement school and form part of your internship year.

I need to attend University classes on campus as part of my program, but the TIPP involves being at school five days per week. Am I eligible for the TIPP?

Yes, you will just need to negotiate with your Mentor teacher and school so that your on-campus classes are scheduled during your regular study days.

Will I have to relocate?

In your Expression of Interest (EOI) you can indicate if you are willing to relocate or not. Internships are available in DoE schools state-wide.

Which Department of Education (DoE) schools host Interns?

Past host schools have included Primary Schools, High Schools, Support Schools, Colleges and District Schools state-wide.

How are placement schools decided? And can I choose my school?

Once the selection process has been completed, successful applicants will be extended an offer for an internship at an identified DoE school. Interns are matched with schools depending on skills and staffing need, taking into consideration preferences indicated on their EOI.

How much could I potentially earn?

In addition to a scholarship, TIPP Interns are automatically approved for a Limited Authority to Teach (LAT) in Terms 3 and 4 of their intern year. While LAT work is not guaranteed as it based on school staffing needs, we find it is commonly offered. If an Intern was offered and accepted the maximum approved amount of LAT work, they could earn up to \$25,902 in addition to their \$30,000 scholarship.

Will I continue working at the same school after completion of the TIPP year?

The TIPP design is that the Intern will stay on at the host school as a permanent member of the teaching staff. Some exceptions may occur; in these instances, it will be discussed with the prospective intern during the recruitment process.

I am an international student. Am I eligible for the TIPP?

- The Department of Education Tasmania does not sponsor working VISAs
- To receive a scholarship into this program international students must hold Permanent Residency (PR) by January 2023
- Information for applying for PR can be found at Department of Home Affairs – Immigration and citizenship (homeaffairs.gov.au)

It is also an essential requirement to hold a current Tasmanian Registration to Work with Vulnerable People which can take longer for overseas applicants to be progressed. Further information regarding this registration can be found at Working with Vulnerable People Application

Why was the TIPP initiated?

The TIPP was designed to meet the needs of pre-service teachers and to support quality teachers beginning their careers in DoE schools. It is a collaboration between UTAS and DoE.

I don't have a full-time study load or placement expectations in my final year. Am I eligible for the TIPP?

Yes. If you have a reduced load in your final year, you will have the opportunity to spend more time in class building your knowledge and skills.

Can I graduate in semester 1?

Yes. You still need to continue with your internship in semester 2; the TIPP is a full-year commitment, but you may graduate before the end of the year.

If you have any further questions, please email TIPP@education.tas.gov.au.