

## *The Tsern TEFL Scholarship*

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### **Overview**

This scholarship is open to new graduate students who have been accepted to APU's field-based TESOL program and who are committed to teach English in China during the two years of their academic program. This award recognizes Christian scholars who will perpetuate the mission of Azusa Pacific University during their academic studies and later as language educators. A two-year, renewable grant of \$5,000 (totaling \$10,000) will be awarded to up to five different recipients. Applicants must be enrolled full-time, and should be in good standing with the program and university (not on academic probation or conditionally admitted). Scholarship applications are due **May 1** and recipients will be notified by late May or early June.

### **Eligibility**

Tsern TEFL scholars will be eligible to receive an annual scholarship of \$5,000 to be applied to their tuition renewable for up to two years, provided they

- Are admitted to the APU TESOL Field-based program as a first-time student in good standing
- Secure a contract to teach in China for the two years at a school approved by APU
- Complete three courses per term and maintain a minimum of 3.0 GPA
- Remain in good standing with the institution where they are teaching
- Uphold the values of the mission statements of APU and the TESOL program<sup>1</sup>

(Failure to maintain any of these requirements, could result in the loss of the second year award)

### **Procedure**

- After submitting all the required documents to apply to the Field-based APU TESOL program, interested candidates should complete The Tsern TEFL Scholarship Application.
- Respond to the prompt provided in 1,000 words or less
- Submit the application via email as an attachment by May 1 to: Manar Metry, [mmetry@apu.edu](mailto:mmetry@apu.edu) and copy [Mwong@apu.edu](mailto:Mwong@apu.edu).
- Send questions to the Director of the Field-based Program, Dr. Mary Shepard Wong at [mwong@apu.edu](mailto:mwong@apu.edu) (626) 815 6000 ext 3483.

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#### <sup>1</sup> **APU Mission Statement**

Azusa Pacific University is an evangelical Christian community of disciples and scholars who seek to advance the work of God in the world through academic excellence in liberal arts and professional programs of higher education that encourage students to develop a Christian perspective of truth and life.

#### **TESOL Mission Statement**

The mission of the TESOL Programs at Azusa Pacific University is to prepare present and future educators, both international and domestic, with the competencies and perspectives needed to teach English in a manner marked by professional excellence, intercultural sensitivity, integrity, and compassion.

# *The Tsern TEFL Scholarship Application*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ APU Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*Please be advised that a scholarship award may affect your total financial aid award package. For further questions, please contact your Graduate Student Account Counselor, in the Office of Graduate Student Financial Services at (626) 815-4570, [www.apu.edu/graduatecenter/sfs/counselors](http://www.apu.edu/graduatecenter/sfs/counselors)*

## **Essay Portion**

In no more than 1,000 words on this and the follow pages, explain why you are applying for this scholarship. In forming your response, consider discussing any or all of the following questions:

1. What motivated you to want to teach English as a foreign or second language?
2. How do your beliefs, values, and behaviors align with the mission statements of APU and the TESOL program? (See the footnote on the previous page.)
3. **The Tsern TEFL Scholarship** recipients will be distinguished by the rigor and dedication they apply to their graduate studies, the skill and effort they apply to their craft of teaching, and the integrity and Christ-like compassion they demonstrate to their students and colleagues. Describe how you will fulfill each of these and provide evidence that would indicate your ability to do so.
4. Why do you want to teach in China and how will your faith impact your teaching?