

Programme for Foreign Language Assistants (FLA) at schools in the Federal Republic of Germany

Programme information for the exchange year 2026/27 for applicants from Australia

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Every school year, up to 800 students from abroad are getting engaged as foreign language assistants (FLA) at schools in Germany. They support the teachers at their host school in teaching foreign languages in their native language and receive a monthly stipend of currently 1,000 euros.

Aims of the programme

- During the internship abroad, students expand and deepen their German language skills, immerse themselves in the German culture, improve their cultural awareness and gain an insight into the local teaching methods.
- The FLAs help to improve the linguistic and cultural knowledge of the pupils in Germany and enrich the lessons with their native language.
- The programme offers students with an interest in teaching the opportunity to gain classroom experience in the country of the language they wish to teach in the future.

Who can apply?

Applications are open to students

- with English as native language,
- up to the age of 35,
- who have attended a high school in Australia,
- who are studying in Australia and have completed at least two years of their studies at the time of taking up the position (preferably with German as a subject),
- with German language skills that should be at least [level A2 \(CEFR\)](#).

Programme duration

The programme starts in August/September and ends on 31 May of the following year.

Funding

FLAs receive a monthly stipend of 1,000 euros. They are covered by health, accident and liability insurance for the duration of the programme. They are also eligible to apply for housing allowance in Germany.

Foreign language assistants from Australia receive a one-off travel allowance when they take up their post, provided that these funds are made available by the Federal Foreign Office for this programme year.

Measles Protection Act

Since 1 March 2020, a Measles Protection Act (*Masernschutzgesetz*) has been in place in Germany to protect from measles. This implies a **German-wide vaccination obligation**. Further information on this can be provided by Pädagogischer Austauschdienst (PAD): fsa-australien@kmk.org.

Application, contact and further information

Applications for the exchange year 2026/27 close on **30 April 2026**.

To apply for the programme, the following documents must be submitted:

- completed application form,
- curriculum vitae in English,
- letter of motivation in English explaining why the student is applying for a position as FLA and what experience s/he expects to gain during the assistantship,
- current reference from a university lecturer (please use our form),
- transcript of records from the student's university.

The complete application is to be submitted to our partner in Australia:

Goethe-Institut Australien
425 Smith St
Fitzroy, Victoria 3065

Contact person
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The application form, reference form as well as information on the application process are provided on the [website of the Pädagogischer Austauschdienst \(PAD\)](#).

Further information on the FLA programme in Germany:

<https://www.kmk-pad.org/programme/fremdsprachenassistenz/fsa-programm-fuer-studierende-aus-dem-ausland>

If you have any questions about the programme, please contact the PAD directly:

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