Grant to Support Teacher Training In UBC Sensory Impairment Masters Programs

Overview

In recognition of an increasingly acute shortage of trained teachers in the education of students with sensory impairments in the province of British Columbia the Ministry of Education is making available a special grant to support school districts in offsetting the costs for teachers attending the University of British Columbia sensory impairment training programs. Specifically the grant is available to support teachers who enroll in the UBC Masters Program in the Education of Students with Visual Impairments / Blindness (M-VI/B) or Education of Deaf and Hard of Hearing (M-D/HH). The grant is also available for teachers who are currently enrolled in these programs.

The M-VI/B program http://www.ecps.educ.ubc.ca/visual/index.html involves course work on the UBC campus over the summers of ’08, ’09 and ’10 and online courses throughout the 08-09 and 09-10 school years. The M-HI program http://www.ecps.educ.ubc.ca/deaf_hh/index.html involves course work on the UBC campus over a minimum of two summers and online courses over two school years. Both of these programs have been designed in order that teachers can continue to work during the school year.

Criteria

- Teachers must hold or be eligible to hold a BC teaching certificate and be accepted into the UBC Master's Program in the Education of Students with Visual Impairments/Blindness of the UBC Master's Program in the Education of Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

- Teachers must be employed by a BC School District or a BC Group 1 or 2 Independent School.

Application Process

1. The application can be found at http://www.prcvi.org/news/files/UBCGrantApp.doc and it must be submitted to:

   The Manager, Provincial Resource Centre for the Visually Impaired
   #106 - 1750 West 75th Avenue
   Vancouver, BC   V6P 6G2

2. If successful the grant will be for a sum of $5000.00 per year for the duration of the program. The funding will be provided to the School District or Category 1 or 2 Independent School and is intended to benefit the teacher in completing the training Program: for example, offsetting tuition, travel and/or wage replacement costs.

3. Applications for these grants will be on a first come / first served basis with provincial availability determined by UBC class enrollment limits.

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