

**Deadline, September 15, 2021**

## **Overview**

**Daltachas** (Fosterage) is a mentorship program managed by the Office of Gaelic Affairs for intermediate high and advanced low Gaelic speakers.

The program's aim is to increase participants' Gaelic speaking and comprehension abilities by focusing on conversation, idiomatic speech, grammatical structures and cultural expression through the Gaelic language.

The program is for individuals who have attained the Gaelic language levels as per above through methodologies such as Gàidhlig aig Baile or any others, and/or independent learning. Daltachas is intended to expand on participants' language fluency, preparing them for more advanced programming, such as Bun is Bàrr and Stòras a' Bhaile.

## **Activities**

Daltachas learning groups will:

- work with content related to Gaelic Nova Scotia seachas including short stories, anecdotes, songs, local histories, proverbs and seanchaidhean (Gaelic tradition bearers).
- focus on facilitating participants' comprehension and ability to share Gaelic learning, including conversational language, short stories, song choruses in the group and with others in their families and communities.
- include topics of the day, i.e. weather patterns, contemporary events, persons of note, daily activities, routines and personal interests.
- include games and creative, interactive activities to assist with language learning
- have a focus on how Gaelic language is grammatically structured

## **Groups**

- Three (3) separate groups of Daltachan (participants) will be established
- Groups size will be limited to 12 per group with a total space for up to 36 participants.
- Sessions will be held online via Zoom

- Weekly sessions will commence in Fall 2021 and each session will be 3 hours in duration and run for 21 weeks

### **Application Process**

Mentors must send a letter of interest to [Kelly.Schlay@novascotia.ca](mailto:Kelly.Schlay@novascotia.ca) outlining:

- Their name, address and phone number
- A detailed account of their Gaelic language and cultural experience, including Gaelic language instruction, Gàidhlig aig Baile or other learning methods and sharing of Gaelic Nova Scotia cultural expression.
- Their experience in delivering Gaelic language learning programs to adolescent and adult learners, including:
  - how they would structure a language session of a three (3) hour duration
  - a sample of an activity and how they would integrate themes and language learning levels for intermediate advanced and advanced low learners
  - an example of how they would manage different learner levels
- Demonstrate how they would determine the advancement of learner comprehension and language skills
- How they would incorporate Gaelic Nova Scotia seachas in their instruction
- One written reference who can confirm their Gaelic language teaching experience and knowledge of Gaelic Nova Scotia cultural expression.

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### **Remuneration**

- Mentors will be remunerated for a total of \$3,440.00. This amount includes instruction and preparation time for weekly sessions and the writing of a final report.

### **Other**

- Mentors in the program should have completed a [Vulnerable Sector Check Information](#)
- Mentors will be requested to provide a summary report of their Daltachas group (a report template will be provided before end of program)
- Mentors should have experience with the on-line communication tool, Zoom.