

The Faculty of Education is considering submitting a bid for a contract to build capacity in school leaders and teachers from Saudi Arabia.

The programme runs for a year and for the first two months the teachers and principals would be based at the University undertaking a programme of English language learning coupled with an introduction to the New Zealand education system and effective pedagogy and teaching practice.

For most of the remainder of the time the participants are to be placed in New Zealand schools observing teachers and school leaders. This could be in a school, across a kāhui ako or as an arrangement with several neighbouring schools to host one or two teachers and/or school leaders between them.

There will be a daily allowance paid to the school and the group will have a liaison adviser who will work with the visitors and the school to support the programme.

In order to decide how many participants we can cater for in our bid, we'd like to know how many schools/kura/kāhui ako or clusters would consider hosting the Saudi leaders or teachers. Please contact Carolyn Jones (carolyn.jones@waikato.ac.nz) if you are interested in finding out more details.

Breaking news:

James Nottingham is returning to the Waikato for a one-day workshop on 6th March next year. A number of schools we've spoken to are planning teacher only days so all staff can attend. Please note the date in case you want to do the same thing – contact Nikki Pound (nikki.pound@waikato.ac.nz) to discuss discounts for larger numbers of staff.