Call for Subject Matter Experts

USCIS Technical Advisory Group (TAG) on the U.S. Naturalization Test

TESOL International Association (TESOL) is seeking applications for participation in a technical advisory group (TAG) to assist with the development of a revised U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services (USCIS) naturalization test. The TAG will meet on a regular basis in Washington, DC, to ascertain that the educational materials and resources for the revised test are developed at the correct educational level and are developed in a way that meets the needs of immigrant learners and the organizations that serve them.

TAG members will be expected to attend 6 three-day workshops in Washington, DC, over the course of 12 months that will each require up to 8-16 hours of both pre- and post-meeting work.

TESOL expects to hire a total of 6 TAG participants and identify 2-4 alternates. Successful candidates will have expertise in the National Reporting System for Adult Education to be able to revise test questions at the high beginner- low intermediate level for non-native speakers of English. Desirable candidates will have expertise in English as a Second Language (ESL) instruction and methodology, and knowledge and/or experience in the following areas:

- Adult second language acquisition;
- Psychometrics in test development and/or test administration;
- U.S. history/government, civics, social studies and/or political science;
- The U.S. Department of Education's National Reporting System for Adult Education (NRS)2;
- The U.S. naturalization process.

In addition:

- Candidates must be a member of TESOL International; and
- Candidates may not use any confidential information gained through participation on the TAG or information not yet available to the general public for financial gain (i.e. authoring textbooks for profit). If selected, candidates must sign a non-disclosure agreement and a conflict of interest form to this effect.

In addition to compensation for the three-day meetings and the pre- and post-meeting work, TESOL will cover travel, lodging and meals for TAG members who do not live in the Washington, DC metro area.

The first TAG meeting will be held either October 9-11, 2019 or October 15-17, 2019. Preference will be given to candidates who are available to attend ALL TAG meetings.

Those qualified individuals wishing to apply should complete the online form HERE by September 20th, 2019 at 5 pm EST.

Any questions may be directed to Heidi Faust, Director of Professional Learning & Research: hfaust@tesol.org

Application Form: https://tesolorg.wufoo.com/forms/m1itd1eg0wj6dhf/
USCIS TAG Meetings 2019-2020
Anticipated Schedule
All meetings are 3 days each, 8:00 -5:00p.m. with a 1-hour lunch break

Meeting #1:
October 9-11, 2019 8 am-5 pm
or
October 15-17, 2019 8 am-5 pm

Meeting #2:
December 3-5 2019 8 am-5 pm
or
December 10-12, 2019 8 am-5 pm

Meeting #3:
January 7-9, 2020 8 am-5 pm
or
January 14-16, 2020 8 am-5 pm

Meeting #4:
Early February 2020

Meeting #5:
Early June 2020

Meeting #6:
Early July 2020