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Advance Your Career

TESOL CAREER SERVICES HELPS TESOL MEMBERS CONNECT WITH CAREER OPPORTUNITIES WORLDWIDE.

Professional preparation for English language teachers is available throughout the world. In the United States alone, more than 200 institutions offer bachelor's, master's, and doctoral programs. A listing of degree and certificate programs can be found on the TESOL website.

ON THE WEB: www.tesol.org/ddcp

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- The Job MarketPlace at TESOL’s annual convention gives you the opportunity to interview with recruiters on-site.

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Books, Publications, and Resources to Support You as an Educator Every Day.

THE TESOL RESOURCE CENTER (TRC)

The new interactive TRC enables English language teaching professionals to share resources with members and nonmembers worldwide. Search for lesson plans, activities, teaching tips, and other resources. And don’t forget to rate the resources and leave comments! The TRC also contains a wide variety of resources from recorded convention sessions and virtual seminars to symposia papers, provided as a benefit for TESOL members only.

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All TESOL members receive substantial discounts on the more than 90 titles in the TESOL Bookstore. Visit the store online and search through the titles and topics that interest you—many of the books are recommended by your colleagues. You’ll find best sellers such as the New Ways series along with books on technology and TESOL English language proficiency and teaching standards.

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PROFESSIONAL JOURNALS

All TESOL members have online access to TESOL Journal, a refereed publication with articles for classroom practitioners. In addition, only members and libraries may subscribe to TESOL Quarterly, the field’s premier refereed journal devoted to research on English language teaching and learning. TESOL Quarterly is available both in print and online.

NEWS PUBLICATIONS

All members receive the monthly electronic newsletter, TESOL Connections. You’ll find practical feature articles, association news, Job Link, and important resources in each issue.

ON THE WEB: www.tesol.org/read-and-publish

The English Language Bulletin (ELB) features headlines from around the world on what’s happening in the field. The ELB is a weekly e-mail publication.

Interest section newsletters are published periodically each year. The newsletters feature articles that relate directly to the interest section and may be research or practice oriented.

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Advocate for Sound English Language Teaching Policy

While many associations are involved in advocacy on education issues, TESOL is the only organization representing the voice of ESL practitioners, administrators, and researchers. TESOL provides position papers and talking points for members to use in support of issues facing their communities. While many of these resources are U.S. based, many of the same issues are being faced throughout the world. Look to TESOL for help in understanding these issues.

Position Statements, Policy Briefs, and White Papers — These are available on the TESOL website for download and cover a variety of professional and policy issues facing the field.

TESOL U.S. Advocacy Action Center — If you live in the United States, you may use this online action site to write directly to your representatives in Congress regarding issues that concern you and your professional community.

The Global Professional Issues Committee – This committee is made up of TESOL members from all over the world and provides input on issues facing the TESOL community outside the United States.

Advocacy Day – Each year TESOL invites U.S. affiliates and others to participate in TESOL Advocacy Day. This is an opportunity for members to learn about U.S. public policy, get educated on important issues affecting our profession, and visit Capitol Hill to meet with their representatives in Congress.

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Standards and Best Practices for the Field

As the professional association for the ESL/EFL field, TESOL has been the leading voice for standards and best practices in English language teaching and learning. TESOL publishes a range of standards and best practices, including:

- Pre-K–12 English Language Proficiency Standards
- Technology Standards
- TESOL/NCATE Professional Standards for P–12 Teacher Education Programs
- Standards for Adult Education ESL Programs
- Standards for ESL/ELI Teachers of Adults
- Effective Practices in Workplace Language Training

These standards are available on the TESOL website or in the TESOL Bookstore. All TESOL members have online access to TESOL Journal, the field’s premier refereed journal devoted to research on English language teaching and learning. TESOL Journal is a refereed publication with articles for classroom practitioners. In addition, only members and libraries may subscribe to TESOL Quarterly, the field’s premier refereed journal devoted to research on English language teaching and learning. TESOL Quarterly is available both in print and online.

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