

TESOL Award for Excellence in Research - Evaluation Rubric

Criteria	1 - Not Evident	2 - Emerging	3 - Competent	4 - Strong	5 - Outstanding
Significance to TESOL Field	The issue has minimal relevance to TESOL or lacks justification.	Relevance is stated but weakly supported or unclear.	The issue is generally relevant to TESOL and somewhat justified.	Clear relevance to TESOL is established with adequate justification.	The issue is highly significant, clearly situated in TESOL, and shows innovation or broad impact.
Engagement with Scholarship	Little or no awareness of related scholarship; lacks citations or misrepresents sources.	Limited literature referenced; coverage is partial or outdated.	Adequate engagement with relevant, mostly current literature.	Strong use of relevant and current scholarship; well-synthesized.	Comprehensive and critical engagement with recent, authoritative sources; advances scholarly conversation.
Clarity of Theoretical Framework / Questions / Models	Framework or questions/models are missing or incoherent.	Components are present but poorly developed or unclear.	Theoretical framework and research questions are mostly clear and relevant.	Clear articulation of frameworks and questions/models with good integration.	Sophisticated presentation of frameworks and models; insightful alignment with issue.
Research Design & Analysis	Methods are inappropriate, poorly described, or absent.	Methodology is somewhat appropriate but lacks detail or rigor.	Research design is appropriate with sufficient description and analysis.	Well-executed methods and analysis with methodological rigor.	Exceptional methodological clarity, depth, and appropriateness; innovative or exemplary analysis.
Writing Quality	Writing is unclear, disorganized, or contains frequent errors.	Somewhat organized but with language issues that affect understanding.	Writing is mostly clear and organized with minor issues.	Clear, precise, and well-structured writing with minimal errors.	Elegant, engaging, and professionally polished writing; enhances understanding.

*Reviewers are encouraged to provide comments to justify their ratings and support transparency in the review process.