

CamTESOL Regional ELT Research Grants Program

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GUIDELINES FOR GENERAL RESEARCH GRANTS

Background

The Annual CamTESOL Conference Series plays an important role in highlighting research into the teaching and learning of the English language in the region and around the world. Many research-based papers, after being presented at the CamTESOL Conference, are submitted for consideration for publication in *Language Education in Asia* (LEiA), an internationally peer-reviewed online journal, inspired by the Annual CamTESOL Conference Series.

IDP logistically and financially supports CamTESOL and conference-related activities. Efforts are being made to generate interest in research on the teaching of English in the region through various initiatives, including hosting a Regional Research Symposium and, in particular, providing research grants to qualifying ELT practitioners/researchers from the six lower income ASEAN countries: Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Myanmar, the Philippines, and Vietnam. The grant provides financial assistance of USD 500 for the research proposal selected by a specifically appointed committee. The general research grants were established in 2009.

Eligibility

- Applicants must be nationals or include a national applicant of the following countries: Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Myanmar, the Philippines, or Vietnam;
- Applicants must register for and attend the 14th Annual CamTESOL Conference in 2018 on both days, Saturday and Sunday and CamTESOL & UECA Regional ELT Research Symposium on Friday 9, February 2018.

Policies regarding the General Research Grant

- A maximum of two applicants may submit a joint proposal; in this case the grant of USD 500 is shared.
- Research must be conducted in 2018, written up as paper, and submitted to CamTESOL Research Grants Program Coordinator by the 15th February 2019.
- Papers must be presented at the 15th Annual CamTESOL Conference in 2019 and submitted for consideration for publication in LEiA by the 8th March 2019.
- Grant money cannot be used to cover transportation, or to pay for researchers' own working hours.
- The proposal must not be based on, or part of, any existing research activity, graduate thesis or dissertation, or publication. Research proposals must be new initiatives.
- Plagiarism is strictly prohibited.
- IDP Education (Cambodia) reserves the right to cancel the grant at any time should the grant recipient fail to comply with any or all of these policies.

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Criteria for Judging Proposals

The research proposals will be judged by a specifically appointed committee on the basis of the following criteria:

- The relevance of the proposed research to the improvement of the teaching of the English language in the context of developing countries;
- The potential contribution of the proposed research to the existing literature on the teaching of the English language;
- The clarity and conciseness of the proposal;
- The feasibility and effectiveness of the proposed methodology;
- The applicant's awareness of theoretical framework.

Some Suggested Topics

Some suggested research topics include, but are not limited to:

- Effects of globalisation / ASEAN integration on the teaching of English in the respective countries.
- Issues specific to teaching English in the context of the respective countries.
- Issues regarding English teacher training in the respective countries.
- Teaching academic English in respective contexts.
- Learning styles of English language students in the respective countries.
- Overcoming typical problems in ELT classrooms in respective countries.

Installments of the Grant

The grant (USD 500) will be paid in two installments:

- The 1st installment (USD 150) will be paid on the granting of the proposal at the 14th Annual CamTESOL Conference in 2018.
- The 2nd installment (USD 350) will be paid after the submission of the written research paper to CamTESOL Research Grants Program Coordinator (by the 15th February 2019), and the completion of the presentation at the 15th Annual CamTESOL Conference in 2019.

Other Benefits

- Research Grant recipients will be invited to participate in a peer mentorship program whereby they will be matched with experienced researchers who have some knowledge of and interest in the research area.
- Research Grant recipients will be invited to the 15th Annual CamTESOL Conference in 2019 with free registration.

Should you have further questions or wish to apply, please email CamTESOL Regional ELT Research Grants Program Coordinator, Ms Sokhom LEANG, at Sokhom.Leang@idp.com.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: 5pm (Cambodian local time), Monday 15th January 2018