



J. Michael O'Malley Action Research Grant Application Guidelines

The WATESOL J. Michael O'Malley Action Research Grant is intended to provide additional support to WATESOL members in their research that focuses on improvement of student learning and teaching practices in the area of TESOL. The recipient of the WATESOL J. Michael O'Malley Action Research Grant will receive up to \$500. Applications will be evaluated by the WATESOL Executive Board through a blind peer-review process. The Grant will be awarded to the strongest applicant within a month of the application deadline.

J. Michael O'Malley Action Research Grant recipients are required to write and submit an article (500 - 1000 words) for the WATESOL Newsletter, providing a report on their study and findings.

WATESOL awards one J. Michael O'Malley Action Research Grant per calendar year.

Only WATESOL members currently working in the field of TESOL are eligible for the WATESOL J. Michael O'Malley Action Research Grant.

Amount: \$500.00

Evaluation Criteria:

- Research questions are clear
- Research plan is feasible
- Qualitative or quantitative nature is clear (can be either one)
- Proposal includes a self-assessment or reflective component
- Proposal follows action research format
- The outcome will meet at least one of the following:
 - Adds to knowledge base of our profession
 - Evaluates an activity, lesson, technique, approach, course and/or program
 - Aids in a formative or summative decision-making process in a class or school
 - Helps the teacher learn more about his/her students, their needs, and/or their backgrounds

How to Apply

Complete the following documents:

1. Application form
2. A statement of purpose with timeline and budget. In one document:
 - Describe the purpose of the research study, its significance for the field of TESOL, proposed methodology, and expected outcomes. Please make sure to include your research question(s) (350 words maximum).
 - Identify the timeline for the study
 - Include a budget of estimated expenses for the study with an explanation on how the funds will be used. Please note that computer hardware is not an eligible expense.
3. In a separate file, include your resume.
4. Send all required documents (application form, statement of purpose, and resume) as attachments **in Word format** by the due date to watesolmembership@gmail.com. Please write “J. Michael O’Malley Action Research Grant Application” in the subject line.

Applications that do not meet submission requirements described above will be disqualified.

Questions? Contact WATESOL at watesolmembership@gmail.com