

## NEWS

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### TESOL Announces 2023 Awards, Scholarships Winners

March 3, 2023 (Alexandria, VA) – TESOL International Association (TESOL) is proud to announce the 2023 winners of its Awards for Excellence and Service and its Travel Grants and Scholarships.

TESOL President Joyce Kling said this year’s group of scholarship and award winners represented a diverse body of professionals in varied stages of their careers.

“One thing each has in common with the other is their recognized commitment to the work this association is doing around the world,” Kling said. “Whether a mentor, teacher, researcher, or student, each represents the core values of TESOL.”

The following people were recognized in TESOL’s Awards for Excellence and Service category:

#### [TESOL Award for Excellence in Research](#)

- Darren K. LaScotte is an advanced Ph.D. candidate in second language education and a teaching specialist in the Minnesota English Language Program at the University of Minnesota.
- Elaine E. Tarone is distinguished teaching professor emerita and past director of the Center for Advanced Research on Language Acquisition at the University of Minnesota.

#### [TESOL Outstanding Advocate Honor Award](#)

- Grazzia Mendoza, a language educator for 30 years, has worked in K–12 and higher education while training teachers worldwide. She is the founder and former president of HELTA TESOL, former president of LAC TESOL, and past member of the TESOL board of directors.

#### [The Ron Chang Lee Award for Excellence in Classroom Technology](#)

- William Newman teaches English learners at Ballou High School in Washington, D.C., USA, and has taught in China, Australia, and Mississippi.
- Jesús G. Flores received his Ph.D. with honors and has experience in both developing and implementing cutting-edge programs for teachers and instilling best practices in education.

The following people were recognized in TESOL’s Travel Grants and Scholarships category:

#### [TESOL Awards for International Participation](#)

- Dilrabo Babakulova is a lecturer at Westminster International University in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, where she enjoys sharing her teaching experience and discussing professional topics with her colleagues.

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- Valentina Canese, Ph.D., is faculty and director at the Instituto Superior de Lenguas, Universidad Nacional de Asunción. She is the editor-in-chief of the multilingual journal *Ñemityra: Revista Multilingüe de Lengua, Sociedad y Educación*.
- Beatrix Price is a lecturer at Eötvös Loránd University, ELTE, Budapest, Hungary. As a teacher trainer, she gives talks, workshops, and courses internationally.

#### [The Meral Güceri TESOL/TEFL Travel Grant](#)

- Mutabar Jumaeva has been an English teacher for 16 years, teaching both young learners and adolescents. She was selected as a core trainer for Uzbekistan's English Speaking Nation program, organized by American Councils.

#### [The University of Pittsburgh Travel Award for IEP Instructors](#)

- Lisa Parzefall is a current doctoral student in the Composition & Applied Linguistics Program at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

#### [TESOL Leadership Mentoring Program Award](#)

- Wing Shuen Lau is a doctoral candidate of literacy instruction in the School of Education at Seattle Pacific University. Her studies focus on culturally responsive practices, social-emotional learning, and multilingual education.
- Linh Phung is the director of the English Language Program at Chatham University. She serves as the chair of the TESOL Affiliate Network Professional Council (2022–23).
- Doaa Rashed is associate teaching professor, director of the Language Engagement Project, and codirector of the Language and Social Justice Initiative at Rutgers University.

#### [TESOL Professional Development Scholarships](#)

Recipients of 2023 professional development scholarships: Madeline Crozier, Nosirjon Davlatov, Chioma Ezeh, Kamal Raj Devkota, Marcelle Monchanin, Holly Sawyer, Enkhchimeg Sharav, Connie Siebold, and Elizabeth Wadell

For more information about each of the honorees and the TESOL Awards Program, visit the [main awards page](#).

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