



**TESL Canada membership benefits:**  
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TESL Canada meets the professional needs of ESL educators across Canada in the following ways:

**TESL Canada Board**

TESL Canada is a non-profit national federation that is governed by the TESL Canada Board which consists of an elected Executive, 5 Elected Directors and one appointed representative from each of the member provincial/territorial associations. The term of office served by an appointed Director is at the discretion of his or her provincial/territorial association. An appointed Director's vote is equal to the vote cast by an Elected Director or a member of the Executive. All appointed Directors are expected to serve on one or more of the TESL Canada Committees and are encouraged to consider running for elected office. The TESL Canada Board employs an Executive Director who acts on its behalf and who currently works out of the TESL Canada Head Office in Burnaby, British Columbia.

**TESL Canada Journal**

The online TESL Canada Journal is a refereed journal for ESL practitioners, teacher educators, graduate students and researchers. The Journal Advisory Committee [JAC] advises and supports the publication of the journal. The journal invites the submission of unpublished manuscripts about the learning and teaching of official languages; subsequent language teacher education; and the maintenance and development of minority, heritage, or aboriginal languages. The journal includes both regular and special theme editions and is published twice a year with the view to publish three issues per year in the future.

**TESL Canada Professional Development**

The TESL Canada Conference is held in partnership and hosted with a provincial or territorial association every 18 months. This conference provides a wide range of opportunities for professional development in the form of plenaries, workshops, symposia, and research papers for ESL practitioners, teacher educators, graduate students, and researchers from Canada.

**TESL Canada Teachers' Resource Centre [TRC]** was launched in September 2009 and includes online resources for ESL educators across Canada. It provides an opportunity for TESL Canada members to access a wide range of online resources on the TESL Canada website [www.tesl.ca](http://www.tesl.ca) as well as the opportunity to contribute resources by emailing [trc@tesl.ca](mailto:trc@tesl.ca). The TESL Canada TRC includes a wide range of online teachers' resources .

- Free On-line ESL Journal
- Online LINC/ELSA and CLB Teaching Resources
- Free Online Graphics for ESL Teachers
- Free Online ESL Teaching Resources contributed by TESL Canada members
- On-line Interactive Sites for Student Resources

- What's New in the TESL Canada Journal?
- Upcoming TESL Events and Conferences

### **National Standards for Professional Certification and Teacher Training Program Recognition**

TESL Canada administers national standards for professional certification for ESL teachers and ESL teacher training program recognition. The TESL Canada standards for professional certification and teacher training program recognition are known and respected nationally and are currently used as the standard for professional certification for employment by Languages Canada and provincial LINC and ELSA programs. The Standards Advisory Committee advises the TESL Canada on standards the national professional certification and teacher training program recognition. The Standards Committee is also responsible for "Ethical Guidelines for English as a Second Language Professionals" and the TESL Canada Professional Directory. The "Ethical Guidelines for English as A Second Language Professionals" and the TESL Canada Professional Directory are on the TESL Canada Website [www.tesl.ca](http://www.tesl.ca)

### **TESL Canada Bulletin**

The bi-annual TESL Canada Bulletin is an online publication which includes detailed reports from the President, the Executive, the Committee Chairs, and the Provincial/Territorial Representatives as well as detailed reports from all active committee for example the Professional Development Committee, the TESL Canada Journal Advisory, the Professional Standards Committee, the Finance Committee are also included in the TESL Canada Bulletin

### **TESL Canada Educational Foundation**

The TESL Canada Educational Foundation [TCEF] was established by TESL Canada under the provisions of the Income Tax Act as a charitable foundation to fund, facilitate, promote and support the advancement of the learning of English as an additional language.

### **TESL Canada Honourary Life Member Awards**

The TESL Canada Honourary Life Member Award was established to honour TESL Canada members who have made exemplary contributions to TESL in Canada. TESL Canada Honourary Life Members have provided outstanding service over a period of not less than 20 years. The Award honours those who have shown leadership in both the workplace and the community in one or more of the following areas; academic, vocational, sociocultural and linguistic instruction, cross cultural counseling, labour market access training, citizenship training and multicultural liaison.