



The International Research Foundation
for English Language Education

Dear Colleagues – Apologies for cross-postings. Please share this information as widely as possible.

TIRF – The International Research Foundation for English Language Education – is pleased to announce its 2016 Doctoral Dissertation Grants (DDG) competition. Grants of up to US \$5,000 will be made to successful applicants investigating any of the following topics:

- [Digital Technology in Language Education](#)
- [English as a Medium of Instruction](#)
- [Language Assessment](#)
- [Language Planning & Policy](#)
- [Language Teacher Education](#)
- [Plurilingualism in Business, Industry, the Professions, and Educational Contexts](#)
- [Students' Age and Effective English Language Education in Schools](#)

Applicants must be enrolled in a legitimate doctoral program and must have been advanced to candidacy. That is, they must have completed any required coursework and/or examinations, and must have had their research plan officially approved by their university committee.

TIRF is pleased to note that half of the available funding for the 2016 DDG competition will be used to support doctoral candidates' research at universities in the countries on the OECD DAC list of nations: <http://www.oecd.org/dac/stats/documentupload/DAC%20List%20of%20ODA%20Recipients%202014%20final.pdf>. These monies will also be used to fund candidates' research whose work has the potential for positive impact in countries on the OECD DAC list.

TIRF is particularly interested in research proposals that have clear implications for policy makers and others in positions to make decisions about English language education practices. Thus doctoral students from countries on [the OECD DAC list](#) are eligible, as are candidates whose work has the potential to directly and positively influence English language education in those countries.

The application deadline is Wednesday, April 20, 2016. For further information, including accessing the call for proposals, resource videos, frequently asked questions, and information about past recipients and their studies, please visit <http://www.tirfonline.org/research-grants/doctoral-dissertation-grants/>

TIRF and its Trustees are grateful to be working in partnership with Cambridge English Language Assessment and the British Council, as well as individual donors, in support of the 2016 DDG competition.



You are welcome to write to info@tirfonline.org if you have any questions about this announcement.

Best wishes,

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