Call for Proposals to TEFL Kuwait Spring Conference

21st Century Language Teaching: Challenges, Opportunities & Solutions

February 2025 – Kuwait (In Person)

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TEFL Kuwait is soliciting proposals from researchers and English language educators and academics who are interested in English language teaching and learning for professional development and staying abreast of the latest trends by networking with fellow educators in different parts of the world.

The conference will be held on February 15 February 2025, Saturday in person.

This conference will be a wonderful opportunity for educators to network and share ideas and learn from one another as well as learn from notable keynote speakers doing exceptional work in the MENA (Middle East North Africa) region and beyond!

We welcome proposals that fall into any of the themes below. Proposals that emphasize the MENA region specifically are highly encouraged. However, proposals from other parts of the world are welcome as well and can be featured in our online day.

All proposals must include

- A title that is 10 words or less.
- An abstract that is 50 words or less.
- A session description that is 300 words or less.

We have divided proposal themes into strands that carefully align with our TEFL Kuwait SIGs. Please read below and select the strand that best fits your proposal.

- ❖ **Technology**: In an era of rapid technological evolution, proposals in this strand delve into the various ways in which digital tools such as AI and other

innovations can revolutionize, yet also present challenges in learning and teaching.

Sub-topics can include the following:

- Challenges of hybrid learning and possible solutions.
- Creative e-learning course design.
- Artificial Intelligence: The positives and drawbacks.

❖ **Creativity & Innovation in ELT**: Proposals submitted to this strand can focus

on cutting-edge methodologies and approaches that empower educators to design engaging language learning experiences that foster student creativity and diverse learning styles either through integrating technology or by other means.

Sub-topics can include the following:

- Sustainable practices in language teaching.
- Creative activities through art, drama and film to encourage student engagement.
- Innovative assessment practices.

❖ **ESP Matters**: From medical and business English to technical and scientific

communication, this strand illuminates how ESP empowers individuals to effectively communicate and thrive within their specialized fields, bridging the gap between language acquisition and real-world application.

Sub-topics can include the following:

- ESP in areas including but not limited to aviation, business, medical, corporate language training.
- EAP / ESAP in higher education settings.
- Curriculum design in ESP courses and programs.

❖ **Inclusive Practices & Supporting Students with Disabilities:** Presentations in this strand focus on issues related to sustainable and inclusive practices in education, with a focus on special needs. Sub-topics can include the following:

- o Creating a teaching environment that focuses on sustainable practices.
- o Teaching students with special education needs such as dyslexia.
- o Creating and developing inclusive teaching materials.
- o Developing and explaining differentiation strategies.

❖ **Professional Development & Teacher/Student Identity & Well-being:**

Presentations in this strand cover all issues related to the personal and professional development of teachers and fall under the following sub-themes:

- o Teacher Identity Issues.
- o Maintaining English language educators' work-life balance.
- o Teacher education and development.
- o Educational Leadership.
- o Organizational/School Culture.
- o Importance of diversity, equity, inclusivity, access.
- o Effect of Educational Policy on Organizational and School Culture.

For more detailed guidance on the guidelines and for writing proposals, please refer to the [Guidelines and Checklist for TEFL Kuwait Proposals](#) document.

To help put your proposal together, you can use our [Call for Proposals Worksheet](#).

[Submit your proposal here](#)

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- ❖ ESP Matters Strand Leaders - Dr. Anastasia Khawaja and Dr. Fatma AlMuwaiziri

- ❖ Inclusive Practices and Supporting Students with Disabilities Strand Leaders - Ms. Anna Machura and Mr. Tom Santos

- ❖ Professional Development and Teacher /Student Well-Being Strand Leaders - Ms. Rana Khan and Mr. Abdulsamad Humaidan

Important Dates:

- ❖ Call for proposals opens: 20/07/2024

- ❖ Proposal submission deadline: 16/10/2024

- ❖ Proposal results sent out by: 27/11/2024

Please send all questions and queries about submission and registration to

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We look forward to receiving your proposals! Good luck!