

MASTER OF ARTS (M.A.)

# TEFL/TESL

APPLICATION

INFORMATION



ENGLISH  
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

**Thank you** for your interest in the English Department's MA Program in TEFL/TESL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language/Teaching English as a Second Language) at Colorado State University! Below you will find some more information regarding the program's application process and hopefully the answers to any questions you might have.

## Applications

To apply for the TEFL/TESL Graduate Program, click on this link to access the [Graduate School Application Portal](#). If you intend to apply for a Graduate Teaching Assistantship (GTA) as well, you must submit your program application as well as the completed **separate** GTA application to your profile by **January 15<sup>th</sup>**.

### The Program application documents needed to complete your application are:

- **Your Resume or CV**
- **Your Statement of Purpose:** double-spaced, two pages, to introduce yourself and state your goals while in this graduate program. Upload this form online.
- **Your writing sample:** details above. Upload this form online.
- **Optional:** The optional GTA application.
- **Three letters of recommendation.**
  - Online, provide the e-address of each recommender who has agreed to write a letter.
  - Your recommenders will be e-mailed instructions to upload their letters.

•**Transcripts:** These must be from each university or college you attended that represent the course work you completed for your bachelor's degree and any advanced degrees since then. Ask each institution to send either electronic transcripts to

[gradadmissions@colostate.edu](mailto:gradadmissions@colostate.edu) or hard copies directly to this address:

Colorado State University  
Office of Admissions  
1062 Campus Delivery  
Ft. Collins, CO 80523-1062

\*We do not require the GRE. Taking the GRE is recommended but not required only if your previous cumulative GPA is under 3.0 (4.0 = A). Our school code is 4075.

### • English Proficiency Test

Scores on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the IELTS: Colorado State University requires that proficiency in English language be demonstrated either by the TOEFL or IELTS tests prior to admission. The minimum TOEFL score for admission is 550 (paper-based), or 80 (internet-based). The minimum IELTS score for admission is 6.5. Our school code is 4075. Official scores, taken within two years prior to admission, must be submitted directly from the testing agency and sent to:

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**1062 Campus Delivery**  
**Ft. Collins, CO 80523-1062**  
**U.S.A.**

International students are exempted from the TOEFL or the IELTS requirement if the official language of their country is English or if they have recently earned a degree at an American university.

## TEFL/TESL Application Tips:

Please select as your program choice:

English / Teaching English as a Foreign/Second Language (TEFL/TESL) (M.A.).

Request letters of recommendation and transcripts early to give you time to follow up.

Request transcripts (further details below).

Your **writing sample** should be about 7-10 pages long, citations added as needed, 12-pt. font (Times Roman or Arial), double-spaced, pages numbered, your name and title of paper on the first page, above the start of your text. It is recommended that the topic is either pertinent or relevant to teaching English as a foreign/second language, indicating familiarity with the aims and conventions of applied linguistics and/or the field of TESOL; or you may submit an academic paper or essay that demonstrates your ability to use voice, language, clarity, and organization of thoughts to forward the topic.

### GTA Application Instructions:

Prepare all three parts of your GTA application as one document, to appear in this order:

1. **The Background Experience form**—this is a fillable form to complete and save to your computer until ready to upload entire GTA application.
2. **Your Statement of Teaching Interest**—opportunity to express your interest in composition pedagogy and practice, to discuss your teaching-related training and/or experience.
3. **Your Statement on Learning & Writing**—a short 500-700 word essay focusing on your response to one of the given topics on the application.

Our GTAs teach three sections of CO150 College Composition each year, primarily to freshmen and sophomores. Being awarded a GTAship would provide paid tuition (1<sup>st</sup> year, in-state and non-resident tuition; 2<sup>nd</sup> year, in-state tuition cost only) as well as a monthly stipend for the fall and spring semesters in an academic year. Click this link for the GTA application and information.

[Graduate Teaching Assistantship Application](#)

## Tuition

Full-time graduate student status requires nine credit hours per semester. Please go to <https://financialaid.colostate.edu/base-tuition/> and click on GRADUATE for the tuition and fees that are current through June 30. The table at this site shows both Colorado resident and non-resident tuition and fees by credit hour.

## Financial Aid and Other Funding

Go to the Office of Financial Aid website. [Financial Aid Opportunities](#), will provide answers to your financial aid questions and can direct you to additional resources. Please see links below for more funding opportunities.

[Liberal Arts Scholarships](#)

[Apply for Residency](#)

If any further questions arise, please contact Em Dailey, Graduate Programs Assistant, at [Emily.Dailey@colostate.edu](mailto:Emily.Dailey@colostate.edu).