

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 information regarding the program's application process, and hopefully 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](#). Deadlines are: **May 1st** for Fall Semester consideration, and **November 1st** for Spring Semester.

***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>. GTAs are limited and awarded on a competitive basis. These positions are hired to begin in fall semesters.***

**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.
- **Personal History Statement:** Tell admission committees how your lived experience informs your skillset as it relates to the graduate program for which you are applying.
- **Your writing sample:** details below. Upload this form online.
- **Optional:** The optional GTA application.
- **Two 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: Unofficial transcripts are accepted for application review and program acceptance. Official transcripts** will be required, and credentials, such as degree certificates, are issued directly by the granting institution where the coursework was completed or the degree was earned (with original seals, stamps, and/or signatures). **Officially certified transcripts** or degree certificates can be hard-copy photocopies of the original document provided by the issuing institution, the U.S. Consulate's Education/Culture Departments (or representatives), or by limited U.S. sponsoring agencies (such as Fulbright, IREX, etc.). Notarized copies of transcripts/credentials are not accepted in lieu of official or officially certified documents. Send directly to this address:  
**Colorado State University  
Office of Admissions  
1062 Campus Delivery  
Ft. Collins, CO 80523-1062**

\*We do not require the GRE.

- **English Proficiency Test Scores:** click [HERE](#) for accepted tests and scores.

Official scores, taken within two years prior to admission, must be submitted directly from the testing agency via email to [gradadmissions@colostate.edu](mailto:gradadmissions@colostate.edu) or sent to:

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U.S.A.**

(Photocopies will not be accepted.)

International students are exempted from the 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:

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.

### **Out of State? Do you qualify for In-State tuition?**

The MFA Program in Creative Writing at CSU is a WICHE Western Regional Graduate Program. Residents of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, The CNMI, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming are eligible for in-state tuition. [WICHE Program](#)

## 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 Emily Dailey, Graduate Programs Assistant, at [Emily.Dailey@colostate.edu](mailto:Emily.Dailey@colostate.edu).