

MASTER OF ARTS (M.A.)

# TEFL / TESL

APPLICATION

INFORMATION



**Thank you** for your interest in the English Department's M.A. 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: **April 1st** for Fall Semester consideration, and **October 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.
- **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 (if applicable):** click [Accepted Tests and Minimum 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 the two parts of your GTA application as one document, to appear in this order:

1. **Your Statement of Teaching Interest**—opportunity to express your interest in composition pedagogy and practice, to discuss your teaching-related training and/or experience.
2. **The Background Experience form**—this is a fillable form to complete and save to your computer until ready to upload entire GTA application.

Our GTAs teach three sections of CO150 College Composition each year, primarily to freshmen and sophomores. Being awarded a GTAship for U.S. applicants would provide full paid tuition in your first year, and in-state tuition for your 2nd. International applicants receive full tuition remission as they are not eligible for CO state residency. This positions also offers a monthly stipend for the fall and spring semesters in an academic year, as well as other [benefits](#). Click the link below for the GTA application.

[Graduate Teaching Assistantship Application](#)

## Tuition

Full-time graduate student status requires nine credit hours per semester. Please go to [Cost of Attendance](#) page and click on GRADUATE for the tuition and fees. 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 TEFL/TESL graduate program 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).