

LTTTC-GEPT RESEARCH GRANTS FOR 2012-2013 CALL FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS

Applications are now being accepted for LTTTC-GEPT Research Grants, to be offered for the first time in 2011. Applications should be submitted via email on or before **December 31, 2011**.

Purpose:

LTTTC-GEPT Research Grants are intended to assist external researchers to conduct quality research on topics related to the GEPT in order to further enhance the reliability and validity of the test.

Eligibility:

Applications are invited from individual researchers or educational faculty who are affiliated with not-for-profit organizations (e.g., universities) and have expertise in English language teaching and assessment research. Please note that research proposals from for-profit organizations will not be accepted. In addition, proposals must not be intended to serve as a basis for student theses or dissertations.

Research topics which fit within the following areas are particularly encouraged. However, consideration will also be given to other issues of current interest in relation to the validity of the GEPT examinations.

Suggested research topics include:

- Mapping the GEPT against the CEFR in listening/speaking/writing skills
- Investigating the extent to which the upper GEPT levels assess constructs similar to those of other established assessment instruments which have the same purpose (e.g., IETLS, TOEFL, Cambridge Main Suite, etc)
- Identifying the criterial features in GEPT writing/speaking performances that help distinguish between GEPT proficiency levels
- Validating the GEPT level descriptors and can-do statements in target language use domains, e.g., in the academic, social, or work domain
- Investigating the usefulness of the GEPT for predicting the language related job performance of employees
- Investigating the GEPT's impact on pedagogical changes in the English

curriculum of formal and informal education systems

- Investigating the GEPT's impact on the English proficiency of the workforce

Grant value:

Funding of up to NT\$1,000,000 (US\$32,000) per research project will be awarded to qualified proposals this year.

Important dates:

- October 14, 2011 – Call for research proposals
- December 31, 2011 – Deadline for submission of all application materials
- March 15, 2012 – Selection of proposals
- April 1, 2012 – Start date of each project
- September 30, 2013 – Deadline for submission of full reports

Application process:

Interested applicants are required to submit a completed application form, accompanied by a detailed proposal (in English), via email. A successful application will include:

1. A completed application form
[Download the 2012-2013 Application form](#)
2. A full proposal of no more than 10 pages, excluding bibliography (A 4 size, with margins set to 1 inch/2.54 cm on all sides; 12-point Times New Roman font). The proposal should include the title of the study, aims and objectives, a brief literature review giving the background and context for the study, research questions, the research design, methodology(ies), research instruments, subjects, data collection, data analysis, and a summary of anticipated results.
3. The names of two references (*optional*).

Review board:

All applications will be reviewed and evaluated by the Research Grant Review Committee comprising scholars and experts in English language teaching and testing from Taiwan and abroad.

Evaluation criteria:

All proposals will be evaluated in terms of –

- their relevance to the identified areas of research,
- the benefit of the research outcomes to the GEPT,
- the theoretical framework, aims and objectives, and methodology of the proposed research,
- the qualifications and experience of the research team,
- the capability of the research outcomes to be presented at international conferences and published in journals,
- the timeline and cost effectiveness of the proposed research.

(Evaluative comments on proposals will be sent only to successful applicants.)

Terms and conditions:

Any applicant who has previously applied for or plans to apply for research grants offered by institutions other than the LTTC for the same or a similar research project must state so clearly on the application form. The applicant must state the title and value of each grant, and explain how far the applicant has proceeded in the application process. The LTTC will notify the applicant as to the applicant's eligibility to receive an LTTC grant. The LTTC reserves the right to call for the full repayment of all granted funds from an awardee who does not comply with these terms and conditions.

Both the awardee and the LTTC are required to sign an official contract disclosing full details of each research grant.

Awardees will be required to submit final reports before the funding deadline. Permission to disseminate the research results must be obtained from the LTTC, and the support of the LTTC-GEPT research program must be appropriately acknowledged.

Where to send your application:

All completed applications should be submitted via email to geptgrants@lrtc.ntu.edu.tw

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