

# Guidelines for the LTTC Teaching and Research Grants

## Joint-Funded Research Programs

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1. The LTTC Teaching and Research Grants are intended to support research related to linguistics, applied linguistics, language teaching, and language assessment.
2. Eligibility:  
Applications are welcomed from both educational and research institutions, based either in Taiwan or overseas. The research project will be undertaken jointly by the LTTC and the Awardee. The grant period is one year.
3. Identified areas of research:  
The grant is offered for research in relation to the examinations developed by the LTTC, i.e. the General English Proficiency Test (GEPT), Foreign Language Proficiency Test (FLPT), Second Foreign Language Proficiency Test (SFLPT), and College Student English Proficiency Test (CSEPT). Potential research topics include but are not limited to the following:
  - 1) Validation in language assessment
  - 2) Impact of language assessment
  - 3) Learning-oriented assessment
  - 4) CLIL / EMI teaching and assessment
4. Resources available:
  - 1) Research funds  
The final amount will be determined by the LTTC based on the proposal. The fund is subject to [R.O.C. taxation regulations](#): for non-R.O.C. residents, 20% of the payment is withheld in tax.
  - 2) Access to materials and data from tests developed by the LTTC
    - Retired test forms
    - For security and confidentiality reasons, we can only release score and performance data in controlled circumstances, and subject to data protection legislation and recognized standards for good research practice.

5. Important dates:

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| Call for proposals                                   | January 15                         |
| Deadline for submission of all application materials | May 15                             |
| Notification of acceptance                           | August 15                          |
| Project commencement date                            | October 1                          |
| Deadline for submission of final paper               | September 30 of the following year |

6. Application process:

Application should be made [online](#). A complete application includes the following information:

- 1) Curriculum Vitae
- 2) Research title
- 3) Abstract
- 4) Full proposal: The proposal should be written in either Chinese or English and include the following:
  - Aims & objectives
  - Research questions
  - Theoretical framework
  - Research design and methods
  - Anticipated findings and implications
  - References
  - Project timeline
  - Resources required for the study, including budget allocation

If an applicant is not eligible or the submission is incomplete, the application will not be considered.

7. Evaluation criteria:

The LTTC review committee is composed of both domestic and international experts with different areas of expertise. Each application will be reviewed independently by experts in the relevant fields. Evaluation criteria are listed below.

- 1) The applicant's qualifications and ability to execute the project
- 2) The applicant's previous record of research output

- 3) The quality of the proposal
  - Relevance to the identified areas of research
  - Feasibility of the research methodology
  - Significance and possible contribution
  - Cost effectiveness of the proposed research
  
8. The Awardee will be required to sign an agreement issued by the LTTC which details the obligations of both parties and payment arrangements.
  
9. The Awardee will be required to submit the final paper written in either Chinese or English before the end of the project period. The LTTC is entitled to invite the Awardee to present the research findings at the LTTC. The Awardee is required to present the research findings in a scholarly journal or at an academic conference within two years after the grant period ends and to provide proof of publication or presentation at a recognized conference. The LTTC welcomes new submissions from past successful applicants, in which case the previous work will form an important part of the assessment.
  
10. Intellectual property rights:

The ownership of the intellectual property, including the final paper and any developing patents or platforms, will be negotiated between the LTTC and the Awardee. The ownership will be finalized in the agreement.
  
11. If the Awardee has previously applied or intends to apply to a third party for additional funding for the same or similar project, he or she will notify the LTTC by stating the title and value of each grant, providing the name of the third party, and explaining how far the application process has proceeded. Prior written approval from the LTTC is required. If any misconduct regarding academic ethics is discovered, the LTTC is entitled, based on the agreement, to recover from the Awardee part of or all of the funding that has been paid.
  
12. Any matter that is not addressed in these guidelines will be dealt with according to the individual LTTC Teaching & Research Grants agreement and other related regulations.