



## Conference Travel Grant for Northern Michigan Educators

### Purpose

To encourage and support participation in our annual Conference among individuals who work with ESL learners or ESL teachers in Northern Michigan (**north of route 10**) and/or the Upper Peninsula.

### Award

- Waiver or reimbursement of MITESOL conference registration fees, *and*
- \$500 stipend to defray conference travel expenses

### Frequency

2 awards, annually.

### Eligibility

To be eligible for this award, applicants must:

- Work or volunteer in some capacity with ESL learners or ESL teachers in the Upper Peninsula or northern region of the Lower Peninsula. This includes a wide variety of contexts, from adult education (community programs, ABE), and elementary and secondary school, through post-secondary institutions (IEPs, college/university ESL and AL/TESOL programs). If you are a teacher, tutor, professor, administrator, or volunteer who works with ESL learners and/or ESL teachers (full- or part-time), **in any context north of Route 10 in Michigan**, you are eligible to apply for this grant.
- Be/become a member of MITESOL (you may join at the time of application)

### To Apply

Write a letter addressing the following issues:

- your current work with ESL learners and/or TESOL in the U.P.
- any previous experience working in ESL/TESOL (professional &/or volunteer)
- your reasons for/interest in attending the conference
- your financial situation

Approximate length: 1 single-spaced, word-processed page.

### Format Requirements

Save your letter in **PDF** format, with **your last name** as the file name. Example: Smith.pdf. Attach the PDF to an email message, with the subject "**MITESOL UP Grant**," and send it to the leader of our Professional Development Special Interest Group, **Anthony Taylor**, at: [pd-sig@mitesol.org](mailto:pd-sig@mitesol.org).

### Deadline

September 14, 2019 (11:59 p.m. EDT)

### Criteria

Applicants who meet the eligibility requirements will be evaluated based on the thoroughness, thoughtfulness, and quality of their letter; financial need may also be taken into consideration. Applicants will be notified of their status by email.

### Questions?

Contact **Anthony Taylor**, Professional Development SIG Leader, at: [pd-sig@mitesol.org](mailto:pd-sig@mitesol.org).