



## Conference Grant for Upper Peninsula ESL Professionals

### **Purpose**

To encourage and support the participation of ESL professionals from Michigan's Upper Peninsula in the annual MITESOL conference (held in the lower peninsula).

### **Award**

Waiver or reimbursement of MITESOL conference registration fees, and \$300 to defray travel expenses.

### **Frequency**

Two awards, annually.

### **Eligibility**

To be eligible for this award, applicants must:

- Be employed as an ESL or TESOL professional by an organization in Michigan's Upper Peninsula (full- or part-time, at any level of education). This includes a wide variety of contexts, from adult education and pre-K-12, through post-secondary (IEP, college, university). If you are a teacher, teacher educator, professor, researcher, or administrator, who works with ESL students and/or teachers in Michigan's U.P., you are eligible.
- Be/come a member of MITESOL (you may join at the time of application)
- Be a new/**first-time** attendee of the MITESOL Conference in 2016

### **To Apply**

Write a letter addressing the following issues:

- your current work in ESL 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 typed page, single-spaced.

### **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 MITESOL's Professional Development Special Interest Group: Richard Forest, at: [fores1rw@cmich.edu](mailto:fores1rw@cmich.edu)

### **Deadline**

September 1, 2016 (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 the end of August.

### **Questions?**

Contact Richard Forest, Leader of MITESOL's Professional Development SIG, at: [fores1rw@cmich.edu](mailto:fores1rw@cmich.edu)