

ATESL Instructor Excellence Award 2025



Nomination Form

ATESL Instructor Excellence in Teaching

This award honours an ESL/EAL professional in Alberta whose teaching is not only effective, but transformative. The recipient consistently demonstrates:

- **Outstanding commitment to students** – going above and beyond to support learners’ success and well-being.
- **Exemplary pedagogical expertise** – applying sound, research-informed strategies, adapted creatively to meet diverse learner needs.
- **Innovation and resource development** – creating engaging, high-quality materials and approaches that enhance learning.
- **Inclusive and equitable practice** – fostering a welcoming, culturally responsive, and equitable classroom community.
- **Collegiality and collaboration** – contributing to the professional community by sharing knowledge and supporting peers.
- **Positive, lasting impact** – making a measurable difference in learners’ lives.

Strong nominations will go beyond describing “good teaching” providing specific examples and evidence of exceptional, sustained, and impactful work. Testimonials can demonstrate: How does this teacher shine/stand out? How have they made a difference? What new paths have they carved?

Application Package

- Signed nomination consent form.
- Nomination Summary (Sections 1–6)
- 2 – 4 peer and/or student testimonials
- A letter of support from the employer/supervisor is recommended, but not required.

Eligibility

- The person nominated is an ATESL member in good standing.
- The person nominated must be an Alberta resident.

Nominations Close: September 15, 2025

The award presentation will be held at the ATESL AGM on October 17, 2025.

Email the completed nomination package (nomination form, nomination summary, and any relevant attachments) to atesl.admin@atesl.ca **by September 15th.**

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| Nominee Name | |
| Nominee Signature | |
| Email | |
| Please ensure the nomination package includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• nomination form signed by the nominee(s)• nomination summary• Peer and/or student testimonials• Letter of support from employer/supervisor | |
| Nominator Name | |
| Nominator Email | |
| The nominee consents to this nomination being put forward, and grants permission for ATESL to share names and nomination information for ATESL purposes. If awarded the ATESL Instructor Excellence Award, the nominee consents to having their name and a picture they provide shared on ATESL’s website and social media channels. | |

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Nomination Summary

Each section has a maximum of 150 words. Please provide specific examples and evidence.

(Include links to any relevant materials or resources.)

1. Outstanding Commitment to Students

Describe how the nominee goes above and beyond to support learners' success and well-being, in and beyond the classroom. Include examples of mentoring, individualized support, and advocacy for learners.

2. Exemplary Pedagogical Expertise

Explain how the nominee applies sound, research-informed teaching strategies, adapts to diverse learner needs, and demonstrates deep knowledge of language acquisition and teaching methodology.

3. Innovation and Resource Development

Provide examples of original, high-quality activities, materials, or approaches the nominee has created that enhance learning and inspire other educators.

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4. Inclusive and Equitable Practice

Describe how the nominee creates a welcoming, culturally responsive, and equitable classroom community where all learners feel valued and supported.

5. Collegiality and Professional Contributions

Explain how the nominee actively collaborates with peers, shares expertise, contributes to professional development, and strengthens the ESL/EAL teaching community.

6. Positive and Lasting Impact

Share specific stories or evidence showing how the nominee's teaching has made a measurable difference in learners' lives and inspired growth, confidence, and achievement.