

# Navigating Change in TESOL



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

ORTESOL's conference planning committee is seeking a range of panelists to speak for our Friday or Saturday morning plenary sometime between 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. during our Fall Conference this year at Clackamas Community College on November 16th or 17th this year.

*This year's theme, Navigating Change in TESOL, highlights the need for ESOL professionals to explore how changing learner demographics, employment trends, skills, and teaching strategies create new opportunities for transforming our teaching practice in ways that are relevant, innovative, and adaptable to different contexts.*

We are seeking up to 5 panelists who can speak for up to 10 minutes each on the topic of career development for instructors in the field of English language education.

Each speaker will introduce themselves, talk about their educational background, their current job, and then select ONE of the following questions to answer during their slot:

- How do you make yourself stand out as an ESOL teacher during competitive hiring processes?
- How have you managed to pivot between related fields to build your career?
- How have you leveraged your passion, vision, and skills around education to find unique or "outside the box" employment opportunities?
- What resources are available for teachers or teachers-in-training to fulfill their expectations for successful employment?

Speakers will sign a speaking engagement contract and will receive a small stipend to help cover food and travel costs as well as free attendance for both days at the ORTESOL Fall Conference.

A slideshow will be presented during the talk. Slides are not required, but each speaker's name and basic details will be projected during their part. If you'd like to add more slides during your section, these must be completed and submitted by November 9th.

To apply for a slot, go here: <https://goo.gl/forms/kFPnxNUHEmIC4bHd2>