
CHAMPION TEACHERS MEXICO

APPLICATION RULES
2019 PROGRAMME

1. THE PROGRAMME

Mexico Champion Teachers is a British Council programme that strengthens professional development in the field of English Language Teaching (ELT). It aims at training teachers to become reflective practitioners and informed decision makers in the classroom. We do this by offering opportunities for Exploratory Action Research (EAR).

2. THE CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Teachers who wish to participate in the Champion Teachers Programme need to express their interest (or apply for the programme). To facilitate the applications, the British Council operates an organized process that invites teachers to submit their expressions of interest. All expressions of interest are evaluated and selected teachers are invited to participate in the programme.

3. TERRITORY AND ELIGIBILITY

The call for applications is open to individuals who comply with the following 5 minimum requirements:

- a) Be an EFL¹ Teacher who carries out their professional activity in the public sector in Mexico and that has had limited opportunities for international professional development;
- b) Have a professional qualification (either from a pedagogical institute or a university)
- c) Have at least two years of experience working in the EFL sector;
- d) Have a minimum certified level of English of CEFR B1 (Intermediate). An online diagnostic test will be required upon acceptance of application;
- e) Be a highly motivated individual wishing to deepen knowledge and experience regarding classroom research.

Although the application process is free of charge, applicants are responsible for any expenses they incur in when planning, preparing or delivering activities in connection with this submission. Expenses may include, but are not limited to, materials, stationery, any type of procured service or good, Internet service, etc.

¹ EFL=English as a Foreign Language

Only one application per teacher is allowed. Submissions must evidence original work and/or appropriate references and credits. Applications with evidence of plagiarism will be discarded.

The application is accompanied by a 400 word essay. Applicants need to choose only ONE of the options below for their essay:

OPTION A:

What do you know about the Champion Teacher Programme? Why are you interested in joining it?

OPTION B:

How do you envisage classroom research can help you improve your teaching practices and enhance your students' learning?

4. ACCESS AND OPPORTUNITIES

The British Council welcomes applications from all members of the EFL community. Prospective participants are encouraged to let us know how we can facilitate their applications if they feel that they are encountering difficulty due to a special circumstance like a temporary or permanent disability.

Please contact the Programme Manager by sending an e-mail to Julieta.Jimenez@britishcouncil.org



5. APPLICATION DATES

Applications for the 2019 programme will be accepted from June to 2nd August 2019. Any application received before the opening date or after the closing date will not be included in the process. The British Council accepts no responsibility whatsoever for any technical failure or malfunction or any other problem with any system, server, provider or otherwise that may result in any entry being lost, delayed or not properly registered.

Selected applicants will be notified on 12th August, 2019. This notification will be made to the e-mail address provided by the selected applicant when submitting their application in accordance with section 3 of these Rules. In this notification, the British Council will inform each selected applicant of the steps required to enable the British Council to confirm acceptance:

- a) Diagnostic on-line English test and proof of attaining a minimum CEFR level B1 (Intermediate)
- b) Signature of the commitment to engage in EAR programme from 30th August 2019 to 31st March 2020.

The British Council reserves the right to grant acceptance to another applicant if confirmation is not received within 1 week after such notification.

6. HOW TO APPLY

The application process and format will be promoted by British Council in Mexico. To complete an application, participants must follow these steps:

- a) Read these Champion Teachers Submission Rules and accept them when you fill your application to the programme.
- b) Complete the “Mexico Champion Teachers 2019 (EAR) Application Form” in full, including the 400 word essay
- c) Submit the application

7. SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS FOR PROGRAMME PHASE 1

The selection of participants in the programme will take place within 10 days following the closing date referred to in section 3 above. All applications will be reviewed and judged by a panel of ELT specialists appointed by the British Council. The judges’ decision is final and binding.

Applicants’ essays will be assessed based on the following three criteria:

- a) Communication: Ideas and information need to be well articulated. Applicants must show evidence of good command of the language, with no spelling, grammar or punctuation errors that obstruct meaning.
- b) Fulfillment. The topic of the option selected by the applicant is addressed in full and the applicant displays progression (i.e. it does not repeat one idea once and again) and cohesion.
- c) Self-reflection. The essay demonstrates evidence that the applicant can use self-reflective skills.



Programme Phase 1

This phase consists of an initial training workshop that provides successful applicants with the basic toolkit to implement exploratory action research in the classroom.

For the 2019 Champion Teachers Programme, there will be one training event in Mexico City on 30 and 31 August 2019.

Sponsorship for selected Phase 1 applicants includes training, materials, lunch and coffee breaks for the duration of the event.

Additional sponsorship will be provided for participants not living in Mexico City. This sponsorship will include return transportation - either by plane or by bus - to Mexico City (depending on the place of residence of the teacher) and accommodation in Mexico City.

British Council reserves the right to select the regions where sponsorships will apply.

Awards are personal to the successful applicants and cannot be transferred to any third party. Awards cannot be exchanged for money or any other goods or services.

All selected attendees of Phase 1, whether sponsored or not, are expected to complete training which will require the following mandatory end products:

- a) A proposed design for a potential EAR project design, execution and final report
- b) A proposed design for an EAR poster presentation

Award-recipients, their work and the event will be disseminated in the British Council social networks. British Council reserves the right to invite applicants to join solely the opening training sessions of the 30 and 31 August 2019 in Mexico City.

Programme Phase 2

On completion of Programme Phase 1, the British Council will select a maximum of 30 EAR Proposed Designs to be implemented throughout 2019. The selected designs will be implemented by teachers in their home schools and will be monitored and supported by British Council from September 2019 to February 2020.

Programme Phase 2 participants will be accompanied in their project implementation by external mentors and

will be required to maintain permanent communication with them, record their findings and submit their reports according to the British Council mentoring calendar.

Programme Phase 3

On completion of Programme Phase 2, selected programme participants will be required to attend the Champion Teachers Closing Event to present their results and attend a workshop at the end of the EAR cycle. Sponsorship for selected participants to participate in this event will be covered by the British Council on a case-by-case basis.

Programme Phase 3 results will be collected in a publication which will be disseminated by the British Council and which will contribute to the body of ELT research and development globally.

8. DISCLAIMER

The British Council bears no responsibility for failure to notify winning participants or failure to deliver awards where such failure results from the provision of inaccurate contact details by the applicants or from the acts or omissions of any third party (including, without limitation, any internet or postal service provider) and shall have no liability to any entrant if it is prevented from or delayed in delivering any aspect of the application or the awards by acts, events, omissions or accidents beyond its reasonable control.



9. IMPORTANT DATES

Programme Phase 1

CALL STARTS	CALL ENDS	NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTED APPLICANTS	INITIAL WORKSHOP
June 2019	2 August 2019	12 August 2019	Mexico City: 30 and 31 August 2019

10. PERSONAL DATA

The British Council will collect and store participants' data as anticipated by sections 4 and 5 above. The British Council will use this personal data for the following purposes:

- a) managing the relationship between the participants and the British Council;
- b) communicating with participants to answer their queries about the application process;
- c) communicating with selected applicants and arranging awards and/or award-giving coordination;
- d) coordinating with the selected applicants for their attendance to any events related to the awards
- e) coordinating with the selected applicants for travel arrangements;
- f) coordinating with the selected applicants for the British Council publication; and
- g) marketing and publicity in accordance with section 10 below.

By participating in this application process, participants consent to their personal data being processed by the British Council in accordance with, and for the purposes set out in this section 9.

Participants can exercise their rights to access their personal data held by the British Council and withdraw their consent to the processing of their personal data by sending an email, accompanied by a scanned photocopy of their valid passport or Mexico ID number. to: **julieta.jimenez@britishcouncil.org**.

11. PUBLICITY AND RIGHTS

The British Council intends to publish the names and photographs of the selected applicants on the British Council websites, Facebook pages, Twitter pages, press releases and in other promotional and marketing material. In addition, the British Council may write and publish articles about the winners' enjoyment of their award. By entering the application process, each participant agrees to the use of their name and image and agrees to co-operate with any such publicity or marketing if they win an award.

The British Council will hold the copyright of a publication issued to disseminate the selected teachers' project designs and/or future action research projects and will acknowledge the intellectual property of the participants. By entering the application process each participant grants the British Council, free of charge, permission to use the entry material (including, without limitation, modifying and adapting it for operational and editorial reasons) in any media worldwide for purposes connected with the application process. Participants who win an award grant the British Council further permission to publish and exhibit their entry material (including, without limitation, modifying and adapting it for operational and editorial reasons) in print and any media worldwide for any British Council purpose. Each participant confirms that the entry material is their original work, is not defamatory and does not infringe any English laws, that they have the right to give the British Council permission to use it for the purposes specified above, and that all necessary consents for the submission of the entry material have been obtained.

All rights in the British Council's name and logo, websites, Facebook pages, Twitter pages, press releases and other promotional and marketing material and all Call for Applications materials (together the "Council's Materials") shall vest in and remain with the British Council (or its licensors). By participating in this application process, participants agree that they will not use, broadcast, publish, export, exploit, reproduce nor copy part or all of the British Council's Materials.

12. GENERAL

The British Council may disqualify or refuse to accept the application of any participant who does not meet the eligibility criteria in section 2 or does not otherwise comply with these rules.

These rules shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of England and Wales and the courts of England and Wales shall have exclusive jurisdiction over any disputes or claims (including, without limitation, non-contractual disputes or claims) arising out of or in connection with the Call for Applications.

13. ACCEPTANCE OF RULES

By participating in this application process, participants are deemed to have accepted these rules.

