Our TESOL programming encourages people to engage in lifelong English language learning—and gives them the tools they need to do so. We help them build soft skills, too, fostering collaboration and intercultural communication in everything they do. Ultimately, our participants use their newfound language skills to open the doors to better job opportunities and better learning.
English is increasingly vital to success in higher education and the 21st-century workplace. It is the de facto language of global business, academia, and travel. It accounts for about 85 percent of internet content and 90 percent of peer-reviewed science research journals. Simply put, English opens doors to better opportunities, new possibilities, and diverse cultures.

World Learning envisions a world in which all people can access English language education. It starts with teachers. We believe that when teachers are better educated and better equipped, they are better positioned to motivate and empower their students. We pursue that vision through our comprehensive array of TESOL programming.

Our approach is distinct. Founded in American educational philosophy, World Learning weaves the experiential learning cycle—which encourages participants to reflect on their own learning experiences and incorporate those reflections into their teaching—into all our training. We challenge pre- and in-service teachers’ perceptions of learning and encourage them to see their classes as groups of individuals with individual needs. This transformative process results in deep, sustainable changes to English language education.

In our intensive and customized training courses, teachers come away with new thought processes that allow them to step back and analyze their classrooms to understand how people learn best and why particular methods work. They commit to lifelong learning and improving student performance through data-driven and competency-aligned assessments.

We work with teachers to develop the abilities of English learners through new curricula and materials—such as cultural exchange programs or language courses for specific professional or academic purposes—that foster active learning, collaboration, and critical thinking. These courses demonstrate to students the value of learning English.

We help teachers pursue professional development in a meaningful way through networking opportunities and a suite of courses that help teachers become course designers, teacher trainers, researchers, and supervisors. Teachers develop the skills to lead in their field and their communities.

We further support teachers and encourage the expansion of TESOL training through our organizational strengthening work. We help communities create new TESOL centers and teacher professional development organizations, and we work with existing organizations to offer the teaching, curriculum, and management skills that catalyze high-quality English language learning.

World Learning is an international leader in TESOL thanks to our decades of experience. Through the School for International Training, we’ve been offering TESOL training for 50 years, offering a master’s degree and a certificate course. Through our programs, teachers around the world have gained the tools they need to flourish personally and professionally—and empower their own students to do the same.