1. What grants are available?

Up to three grants of 200,000 won each may be awarded each year, depending on the number of viable applications.

2. Who can apply for the grants?

The grants are available for KOTESOL members who wish to conduct original research on theories, research, methods, and materials related to language teaching and learning in Korea. The KOTESOL Research Committee encourages contributions from novice and experienced researchers alike.

3. Are co-authored projects allowed?

In rare circumstances, they may be considered. Contact research@koreatesol.org.

4. Do successful applicants need to give a conference presentation on their research?

No. However, the Research Committee encourages applicants to submit abstracts to the International and National Conferences. Giving a research presentation at the International conference can be done in lieu of submitting the Long Report to the Research Committee.

5. What are the writing and publication requirements?

In order to receive the grant, the recipient must fulfill the following requirements within by these timelines:

i. Short Report: 500–550 words (deadline: June 25)
ii. Long Report: 1000–1500 words (deadline: September 25)
iii. Draft of research paper (due February 25 of the following year)

Grant recipients are required to write two progress reports (the Short Report and the Long Report). The progress reports should explain the grant recipient’s activities in working towards publication in the Korea TESOL Journal. The reports should be prepared as DOC or DOCx files and submitted to the Research Committee chair (research@koreatesol.org). In general, the reports should detail the following:
- What research you (the grant recipient) have done.
- What you (the grant recipient) are currently doing.
- What you (the grant recipient) have left to do.
- How the research grant is helping you achieve your goals. In other words, how have you spent (or how do you plan to spend) the grant funds (e.g., conferences, travel, books, transcription)?

In order to receive the 200,000 won, the Long Report (due September 25) must demonstrate the grant recipient’s progress and commitment to publishing a full paper in the Korea TESOL Journal.

6. What are some of the benefits of grant recipients receive?

If they wish, successful applicants have the opportunity to benefit from collaborative support from experienced teacher-researchers. Grant recipients will be given close consideration in the vetting process at KOTESOL events at the National Conference or International Conference. For those interested in applying to graduate school, a KOTESOL research grant is an excellent way to enhance a curriculum vitae.

7. When is the deadline?

Proposals for the KOTESOL Research Grant are accepted throughout the year. However, the deadline for the year’s grants is March 31. Interested applicants are encouraged to submit their proposals by completing the online form accessible on the KOTESOL website. The timeline of key dates is as follows:

1. March 31: Application Deadline. Proposals received after March 31 will be considered in the following year’s applicant pool.
2. Mid-April: The applicants are notified of the results of the proposal review.
5. February 25 (the following year): Draft of research paper (5000–8000 words) due. To be submitted by email.

Once the manuscript draft has been received by the Research Committee chair, and reviewed and approved by the Research Committee, the grant recipient will receive the grant of 200,000 won via bank transfer to his/her Korean bank account.