

Hello ACT-ESL teachers,

ACT-ESL has three exciting professional development opportunities for you to consider! We want to continue to support you and help you grow in and out of the classroom. We hope all of you will consider at least one of these options. Besides helping you and your students, there are many benefits – just take a look! Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you!

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Professional Development and Scholarship Opportunities for our ACT-ESL teachers

1. **Presentations:** Teachers present at local or regional conferences (All or most conference expenses paid + \$100 award from ACT-ESL + 15 points from CCPS). Deadlines for conferences attached and below.
2. **Mini-research scholarships** (\$300 award from ACT-ESL) Six scholarships available. Teachers propose a simple research project, such as tracking a strategy or intervention. See further explanation and examples attached.
3. **Build learning communities** (\$50 award from ACT-ESL + 15 points from CCPS) Teachers share their new expertise in a presentation with other faculty at department or faculty meetings.

Some upcoming conferences:

VESA (Virginia ESL Supervisors Association): proposal due November 2009

Math:

- Regional conference (Baltimore) for National Council of Teachers of Math – proposal due 11/1/09;
- VA Council for Teachers of Math (Harrisonburg) – proposal due October 15, 2009;
- Greater Richmond Council of Teachers of Math – proposal due October 1, 2009

Social Studies:

- Regional Conference (Gettysburg) for National Council for Social Studies - proposal due October 1, 2009

Science:

- Regional conference (Baltimore) for National Science Teachers Association – proposal due fall 2009;
- Virginia Association of Science Teachers (Hampton Roads) – proposal due May 2010

English:

- Virginia Association of Teachers of English (Williamsburg) – Oct 31-Nov 1, 2009.
- 2010 Conference will be held in Virginia Beach. Proposal due June 2010

[See list of possible conferences.](#)