

Research Study Opportunity

Are you a graduate student at U of T?

Do you identify as an English as an additional language (EAL) user?

You might be interested in – and eligible for – participation in this research study!

Description of Project:

The purpose of this study is to consider the impact of a workshop and reflective activities on EAL graduate students' language frames (i.e., beliefs and attitudes) about Englishing and Lingua Franca English.

Title of Research Project:

Post-Secondary Institutions as Linguistic Contact Zones: Students' Uses and Frames of Englishing

Nature of Participation:

If you choose to participate in this study, you will...

- fill out a pre-workshop survey about your experiences using and perceptions about English as an additional language
- participate in a virtual Academic Success workshop called Overcoming the Messaging that Your English "Isn't Good Enough" (1.5 hours)
- participate in a virtual peer discussion group immediately following the workshop (30 minutes)
- asynchronously watch and respond to two short video modules on (1) the role of translanguaging in academic learning and (2) intercultural communication
- asynchronously generate written or spoken reflections through guided prompts and reminders over an academic semester (i.e., approximately 12 weeks)
- participate in a follow-up synchronous interview at the end of the semester

Participants' Rights:

All names and personal identifiers will be changed in the final dissertation and sharing of research results. Your participation in this study is voluntary – you may refuse to participate, withdraw at any time, and decline to answer any questions, all without negative consequences.

As well, your choice to participate or withdraw from this study has no bearing on official University of Toronto outcomes and your studies (e.g., grades, awards, funding), or your future ability to access services and resources at Academic Success.

Recognition of Contributions:

- To recognize your time and efforts in this study, there will be a staggered gift card honoraria:
 - \$20 gift card – sent after participants complete the survey and attend both the workshop and peer discussion group (approximately a 2 hour and 15-minute-long commitment)
 - \$25 gift card – sent at the halfway mark of the 12-week-long period, if participants have completed the two asynchronous modules and submitted reflections on the guided activities (approximately a 3-hour-long commitment)
 - \$30 gift card – sent once participants complete the final 1:1 interview (approximately a 45-minute-long commitment)
- Participants will have the option of choosing a President's Choice, Second Cup, or Amazon gift card.

Additional Details and How to Register:

Detailed information about benefits of the study, possible risks of the study, and your rights as a participant can be found on each of the registration pages related to the workshop:

- [Thursday, January 18, 6 – 8 p.m. \(Virtual\)](#)
- [Friday, February 2, 1 – 3 p.m. \(Virtual\)](#)
- [Thursday, February 15, 6 – 8 p.m. \(Virtual\)](#)

Note: You are also welcome to participate in the workshop *Overcoming the Messaging that Your English "Isn't Good Enough"* without participating in this study. To register for the workshop alone, please visit uoft.me/eal and click "Program Registration" to view the dates and times.

Study Details:

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Site of Research: Academic Success, Division of Student Life

Please contact Yaseen for more details about this study and its methods at yaseen.ali@mail.utoronto.ca. You can also contact Yaseen's supervisor Dr. Julie Kerekes at julie.kerekes@utoronto.ca.

Participants can contact the Office of Research Ethics at ethics.review@utoronto.ca or 416-946-3273 if they have any questions about their rights as participants.