

IATEFL BESIG First-time Speaker Scholarship

In honour of Maria Keller

This scholarship is for a first-time speaker at the annual IATEFL BESIG Conference.



The award is in honour of Maria Keller, who was IATEFL BESIG Treasurer from 1999 to 2002. Maria passed away on 11 May 2007 and her dedication and energy are still missed at our events. The scholarship is dedicated to an area that Maria loved, namely helping others to get started in the field.

As Maria said, 'I would like to see IATEFL BESIG continuing to thrive and make a difference in our profession. More specifically, I would like to see IATEFL BESIG as the right forum where teachers and trainers entering the profession can share their concerns and activities with one another and where they can also find the necessary support.'

The award consists of:

- a year's membership to IATEFL including BESIG
- waived registration for the annual IATEFL BESIG Conference
- a grant of 500GBP

To qualify you must:

- have been a member of IATEFL BESIG for at least a year
- have participated in IATEFL BESIG (e.g. contributed to the monthly discussion topic on Facebook, written a post for the BESIG World Blog or an article for the newsletter, attended an online weekend workshop, organised or participated in a local event)
- give your first presentation or workshop on an aspect of teaching business English at the IATEFL BESIG Annual Conference
- give a brief summary of your work at the Open Forum during the IATEFL BESIG annual Conference
- write a report on your conference experience for Business Issues by 1 December 2019
- Joint presenters may also apply and, if successful, would share the award.

To be considered you should submit:

- a 250-word summary outlining how you became involved in BE teaching, why you enjoy it and how you found out about IATEFL BESIG
- a photo for inclusion in the IATEFL BESIG newsletter and on the website
- a short bio of 30 words or fewer.

Please send your scholarship application to besig@iatefl.org. The submission deadline is **31 May 2019**. Early submissions are welcome, late submissions will not be considered. The winner will be informed by **30 June 2019**. Other applicants will be contacted around **1 July 2019**. All applicants, including the winner, will be contacted by the IATEFL BESIG Committee whose decision is final.