

# GRANTS & AWARDS: REPORTS

## Thanks for the Support

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By receiving the \$500 Project Funding Grant from WAE-SOL, we were able to fund attendance at workshops and conferences to learn how to underscore the importance of STEM curricula in IEPs programs. Thus, we hope to be able to modify new techniques and strategies which we learn from the workshops and conference talks into our STEM courses.

Specifically, the grant will be used to support our research entitled “ESL Students’ Attitudes towards a STEM Curriculum in an ESL Classroom.” It has become very important for English language programs to start thinking about including STEM courses in their curriculum to prepare their

ESL population for their studies at the university. It appears that the ESL students enrolled in IEPs are predominantly interested in pursuing STEM degrees. Therefore, including Prep-STEM courses in IEP curricula will bring meaningful benefits for these students. Additionally, designing STEM focused courses for the IEP curricula will be more engaging for the students, which in turn assists the development of their English Language proficiency. The purpose of this study is to examine how the STEM courses have assisted the students to be well prepared for their majors at university.

Thank you, WAESOL, for supporting our research.

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