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Alexandria, VA (4 February 2014) – [TESOL International Association](#) and [ETS's TOEFL® Program](#) are pleased to announce that Stephen Bax is the recipient of the 2014 [TESOL Award for Distinguished Research](#). The award honors an author who has completed an empirical research project and a subsequent scholarly paper that was published in a peer-reviewed scholarly journal. Dr. Bax will be recognized at the opening session of the [2014 TESOL International Convention & English Language Expo](#) in Portland, Oregon, USA.

Dr. Bax is being honored for his paper "The Cognitive Processing of Candidates During Reading Tests: Evidence From Eye Tracking," published in [Language Testing](#). The article introduces the first ever use of eye tracking technology to research cognitive processing in language tests.

"I am honored that my research has been chosen for the 2014 TESOL Award for Distinguished Research," said Bax. "Although eye-tracking can't tell us everything, . . . this research was able to show the value of the technology in helping us to get a deeper understanding of our students' reading behavior, as a platform for helping them to read more effectively in the future under onscreen test conditions."

Stephen Bax is Professor of Applied Linguistics at the Center for English Language Research and Assessment, University of Bedfordshire, UK, where he is involved in researching language learning. His research interests include the use of computers in language learning and language testing, and areas of discourse including computer-mediated discourse analysis. He also has published on discourse, reading, and computer technology in language education.

The winner of the TESOL Award for Distinguished Research receives US\$1,000; a free one-year membership in TESOL International Association; a one-year subscription to [TESOL Quarterly](#); and registration, travel, and accommodations for the TESOL International Convention & English Language Expo. The award recipient also delivers a presentation on the winning research at the TESOL convention.

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About TESOL International Association

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