



Research-Based Solutions for Real-World Issues



Improving communication
through better understanding
of language and culture

Commitment

The Center for Applied Linguistics (CAL) is a private nonprofit organization dedicated to the study of language and culture and to the application of research on language and culture to educational and social concerns.

Established in 1959 with a grant from the Ford Foundation, CAL's initial mandate was to improve the teaching of English around the world, encourage the teaching and learning of the less commonly taught languages, conduct basic linguistic research to address social and educational problems, and serve as an information clearinghouse and convener of conferences and seminars on language-related issues.

As major language issues continue to be debated, the perspective of language experts remains essential to inform the dialogue. CAL's mission reflects an ongoing commitment to improving communication through better understanding of language and culture.



CAL specializes in the application of research on language and culture to educational and social concerns.



Leadership

CAL is led by a team of highly qualified and talented researchers, language scholars, and experienced practitioners, many of whom are recognized leaders in their fields. Our Board of Trustees, composed of leaders in the fields of applied linguistics, language education, research, testing, finance, and marketing, provides guidance and direction to accomplish our mission.

CAL's strongest asset is its expert multidisciplinary staff.

Research

CAL conducts large-scale and small-scale research projects on a wide variety of topics related to language teaching and learning, literacy, assessment, and the use of language in society. We collect and analyze data using diverse research designs, including experimental studies, qualitative case studies, and large-scale surveys. We frequently collaborate with universities and research centers to conduct research and disseminate findings. Research findings guide all of CAL's project work, services, and products.



Project Work



CAL's programs focus on applying insights gained from the study of language and culture to the challenges of our changing society. We conduct research, manage resource centers, provide professional development and technical assistance, develop language assessments, create searchable databases, and publish findings from research. Our clients include federal and state agencies, school districts, universities, refugee service providers, foundations, associations, and businesses. CAL typically operates as many as 40 projects at any given time, with periods of performance from a few days to 5 years or more.

Services and Products

CAL offers extensive research-based professional development and technical assistance services, with a focus on helping teachers work with language learners in their classrooms. A cadre of experienced service providers offers expertise, tools, and services that can be customized to meet your needs. CAL products include assessments, books, digests, monographs, and professional development materials.





Experience

Our organizational expertise and experience, combined with the collective skills of our staff, have led CAL to develop the key areas of focus outlined below. Our collaborative infrastructure allows CAL staff to work closely together, sharing knowledge and capabilities to respond quickly and effectively to changing needs.

Collaboration

CAL has strong, long-term collaborative relationships with many organizations. We actively seek out new partnerships that allow us to expand the scope of our programs and serve our mission. CAL staff also work with a pool of expert consultants, strengthening our ability to respond quickly and effectively to client needs.



CAL's areas of focus include

- English Language Learners
– PreK-12 and Adult
- Heritage Languages
- Sheltered Instruction
- Two-Way Immersion
- Foreign Language Education
- Testing and Assessment
- Literacy Education
- Dialects
- Refugee Integration

Learn more about working with CAL

When you work with the Center for Applied Linguistics, you benefit from our years of experience in applying insights gained from the study of language and culture to the challenges of our changing society. You also benefit from our long-standing relationships with leading researchers, scholars, and practitioners.

CAL is committed to providing high quality services to our clients and focusing resources where they add the most value and achieve the desired results.

CAL combines knowledge and real-world experience to create practical solutions that get results.

Visit our Web site for more details about our projects, activities, and resources.

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We invite you to contact us to discuss your interests.

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