

Guidance for Researchers Interested in Online Professional English Network (OPEN) Courses and MOOCs

The Office of English Language Programs, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs welcomes the opportunity to work with professors, graduate students, and independent researchers who are interested in conducting research on our prestigious Online Professional English Network (OPEN) program.

The OPEN Program includes:

- Global Online Courses, 8-week, university-level courses on specific TESOL topics,
- Special ESP courses based on field needs,
- Facilitated and self-paced professional development MOOCs for English language teachers, and
- AE Live webinar workshops.

As part of our ongoing program, we regularly collect feedback data from our participants. Once scrubbed of any personally identifiable information (PII) we can share this data with researchers. However, we cannot share any PII directly with researchers.

If you would like to reach out to our program alumni to collect additional data related to your work with the OPEN program or your university degree program, then depending on the context, we may be willing to send out one email to alumni asking them if they would like to volunteer to participate in your research study. In this e-mail we will make it clear that the research is not officially part of the OPEN program, that it is not sponsored or directly supported by the U.S. government, and that their participation is completely voluntary.

If you would like us to do this, you will need to provide us with:

- A very brief description of your research aims,
- Information about which cohort you wish to reach, and
- A way that our alumni can reach you.

If you have suggestions that you would like to provide us about additional data we could collect from participants, then we would be more than willing to discuss this with you. Please contact OPENPrograms@state.gov with any questions.



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