

Proposal Review Criteria

While you review each proposal, it is important to keep in mind that the annual International Conference is a generalist conference. It is not a Special Interest Conference. Remember also, to look at all the criteria for each band, not just one.

The following represents scoring criteria for each proposal:

(Strong Acceptance)

- Interesting topic
- Relevant to wide audience
- Presenter seems dynamic
- Up-to-date topic which presents new information
- Appears to be knowledgeable about research concerning topic
- Relates in some way and generally to conference theme*
- Incorporates AV and technological support effectively
- Offers something that participants can take away with them (i.e. handouts)
- Incorporates audience participation and/or hands-on approach

* Please note that not all proposals need to relate to the conference theme.

(Borderline Paper)

- Partially relevant to TESOL Arabia conference delegates
- Interesting but does not present new ideas
- Level seems either too high or too low
- Proposal seems too theoretical or "gimmicky"

(Rejected)

- Irrelevant topic
- Does not meet standard of other proposals
- Not enough information about the content of the presentation
- Summary is full of spelling and grammatical mistakes
- Culturally inappropriate
- Level is out of reach to attendees
- Paper only represents theory; no practical element included
- Paper is going to be read
- Paper doesn't seem to have a wide range of interest
- Paper appears to be commercial (i.e. promoting a specific textbook or program)