**English Language Proficiency**
for Current and Future Instructors
**Spring 2018 Practice Group Sessions**

Sessions run weekly beginning Tuesday, 30 January and ending Friday, 13 April. The Tuesday and Friday sessions are the same topic; choose the best one for your schedule. All sessions are held in *Evans 612.*

Register at ERS.TAMU.EDU (search for “English Language”)

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| 1 (29 Jan - 2 Feb)                 | First in a series of intensive practice sessions for international teaching assistants and faculty. Develop a self-introduction with effective volume, rate, and poise. Learn features of American English pronunciation, and reflect on your own speaking. | T: 11.30 - 12.30 PM  
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| 3 (12 - 16 Feb)                    | Third in a series of intensive practice sessions for international teaching assistants and faculty. Interact with a panel of experienced TAs (graduate teaching consultants from the Center for Teaching Excellence). Ask questions and listen to their advice on the topic of effective communication in the classroom. | T: 11.30 - 12.30 PM  
F: 11:30 - 12.30 PM |
| 4 (19 - 23 Feb)                    | Fourth in a series of intensive practice sessions for international teaching assistants and faculty. Ensure communication with your audience by checking for comprehension and using appropriate body language. Speak fluently and clearly by pausing between thought groups. | T: 11.30 - 12.30 PM  
F: 11:30 - 12.30 PM |
| 5 (26 Feb - 2 Mar)                 | Fifth in a series of intensive practice sessions for international teaching assistants and faculty. Use cues in your presentation to help your audience follow along. Speak fluently and clearly by pausing at the appropriate time and emphasizing the appropriate words. | T: 11.30 - 12.30 PM  
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| 6 (5 - 9 Mar) | Sixth in a series of intensive practice sessions for international teaching assistants and faculty. Meet American undergraduate students. Through group discussions, TAs and students will gain a better understanding of each other, leading to more effective communication in the classroom, lab, and office hours. | T: 11.30 - 12.30 PM  
               |                                                                                                                                             | F: 11:30 - 12.30 PM |
| 7 (19 - 23 Mar)| Seventh in a series of intensive practice sessions for international teaching assistants and faculty. Communicate effectively in a “flipped classroom” by asking thought-provoking questions that are grammatically correct and also pronounced with correct intonation. | T: 11.30 - 12.30 PM  
               |                                                                                                                                             | F: 11:30 - 12.30 PM |
| 8 (26 - 30 Mar)| Eighth in a series of intensive practice sessions for international teaching assistants and faculty. Practice fielding questions from the audience and repairing communication breakdowns. Use contrastive stress (intonation) to make your message clear. | T: 11.30 - 12.30 PM  
               |                                                                                                                                             | F: 11:30 - 12.30 PM |
| 9 (2 - 6 Apr) | Ninth in a series of intensive practice sessions for international teaching assistants and faculty. Acquire functional language for the classroom or lab, such as phrases useful when facilitating a discussion. Link English words together fluently. | T: 11.30 - 12.30 PM  
               |                                                                                                                                             | F: 11:30 - 12.30 PM |
| 10 (9 - 13 Apr)| Tenth and final intensive practice session for international teaching assistants and faculty. Practice your communication skills by delivering a videotaped micro-lesson.                                                                 | T: 11.30 - 12.30 PM  
               |                                                                                                                                             | F: 11:30 - 12.30 PM |

Questions?
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