

TESOL (Teaching English for Speakers of other Languages) Training for Trainers (US Embassy)

I was lucky enough to get nominated by the University of Moratuwa to follow up on an online course which is conducted by the TESOL International Association in collaboration with the US Embassy. In this course, I was given training for Education Units “Training for Trainers” from 2nd September to 13th October 2020. We had an introductory session at the beginning of the course. Mainly we were asked to prepare presentations, Reflective journals and activities for the materials given by the course. We were also asked to write the “Food for Thought” of each material provided. At the end of the course after submitting the reflective journal on the course as a whole we were awarded a certificate of completion and also given a one-year membership of the TESOL International Association to get connected with the global TESOL educators.

I believe that to get nominated for this course itself was a challenge for me. Since this was an online course, I had to update myself regularly and check emails and the course portal to get the updated information. I also believe that this course gave me the confidence to work in an online environment with minimal supervision by the instructor and this was designed to highlight students’ autonomy. I also determined that I should design this kind of online task for my students as well. The reflective journal was very useful as it gave me an opportunity to reflect on myself to see the positive and negative aspects of a teacher. Finally, I should say that this course gave me international recognition and a global professional qualification.



