



TDSIG Michael Berman Scholarship

This scholarship, funded by the IATEFL Teacher Development Special Interest Group, is in memory of Michael Berman, an ELT writer, presenter and storyteller, who regularly contributed his stories and teaching ideas to the TDSIG Newsletter until his death in 2013. It is for a teacher to attend the IATEFL Conference and to have the opportunity to be published through TDSIG platforms about their experiences. It will be awarded to someone who is interested in exploring their own development and is able to write about this engagingly so that others can share in and benefit from these insights. You have to be a member of IATEFL TDSIG to apply for this scholarship but you do not have to give a conference presentation.

The scholarship consists of:

- registration for the TDSIG Pre-Conference Event
- registration for the IATEFL Conference
- GBP 1000.00 for conference-related expenses

To qualify you must:

- be a paid IATEFL individual member, with TDSIG as your primary SIG
- be questioning about your teaching and willing to learn
- be good at articulating your thoughts
- agree, if you win the scholarship,
 - a) to be interviewed in advance of the conference to introduce yourself and your teaching context and at or after the conference to describe your experience and takeaways as a participant. Both interviews may be recorded and used by TDSIG and/or IATEFL in their websites and social media platforms, at their discretion.
 - b) to create a video narrative/story about your time at the conference
 - c) to produce a written reflective piece after the conference, in which you should focus on how your experiences at the conference have furthered your development

All three pieces may be used by TDSIG for various uses in promotional material.

To be considered you must submit:

- a short piece of about 400 - 500 words, where you should clearly include:
 - a) a brief description of your teaching context
 - b) an engaging narrative describing an experience you've had when you explored your own development and how it impacted your practice and/or career and your community.

The submission deadline is **16.00 (UK time) on Wednesday 18 June 2025**. Early submissions are very welcome; late submissions will not be considered.

The result of your application will be emailed to you between **12 and 22 August 2025**. Please do NOT contact the IATEFL Head Office about scholarship decisions; the Scholarship Committee will send everyone the results as soon as they are available.