



Dear TIRF Supporter,

Wednesday, June 28, 2017

Without people like you, TIRF would have had to close its doors long ago. When TIRF was established nearly two decades ago, the Foundation's early Trustees had a vision of raising millions of dollars to ensure the longevity of TIRF for years to come. Since that time, while the Foundation has benefited greatly from the generosity of many individuals and partnering organizations, the original goal of our founding Trustees has not come close to fruition.

In today's challenging times, skillful fundraisers have enjoyed economic success by forging partnerships with like-minded individuals and organizations. We have learned that such partnerships are invaluable to advancing our mission and expanding our programmatic offerings inasmuch that we established the position of Vice President just last year to help with development efforts. We are delighted that Dr. Jun Liu (Vice Provost for Global Affairs, Dean of International Academic Programs and Services, and Professor of Linguistics at Stony Brook University) has agreed to take on this important role.

With the aim of being an inclusive organization that brings together researchers who tackle some of the most salient issues in language education today, TIRF has achieved great success even without meeting the financial goals our founding Board members had envisioned. We can proudly state that, since the establishment of TIRF, 121 language education-related projects, involving nearly 150 researchers from around the world, have been funded via our programs. To continue these efforts, we rely upon people like you to help further our mission.

The milestones we have reached recently could not have been possible without supporters like you telling colleagues about the Foundation, attending our presentations, purchasing our books, and giving financial support to ensure TIRF continues its operations. These collective efforts have helped us gain noteworthy recognition this past year. This past March, TIRF received the TESOL International Association's Presidents' Award for its service to the field of language education. We are ever grateful for all that you have done to make the Foundation relevant.

We hope our work of promoting research and best practices to improve the teaching and learning of English will never cease. During our mid-year appeal, we ask that you consider making a gift to TIRF. A donation of any size will be of great assistance to us and to the global community of language educators we serve. If you feel so inclined, gifts may be transmitted online via credit card by [clicking here](#). Checks drawn on US-based bank accounts and made out to "TIRF" may be sent to 177 Webster St., #220, Monterey, CA 93940 USA.

If you have any questions about the work TIRF, we would be delighted to have you contact us via email at kbailey@miis.edu and rdamerow@miis.edu. Thank you very much for your support of TIRF!

Kind regards,

Kathi Bailey

President and Chair, TIRF

Ryan Damerow

Chief Operating Officer, TIRF



PS: Click on the video above to listen to our grantees discuss what receiving TIRF funding meant to them.