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Summary information

Repository:	Trent University Archives
Title:	Trent-ESL fonds
Reference code:	RG 57
Date:	1998 - 2026 (creation)
Physical description:	19 cm of textual records, brochures, scrapbooks and photographs (2 boxes) 2 posters

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Trent-ESL provided support for English language learners at Trent University until its closure in Spring 2026. Over the years, responsibilities for English as a Second Language teaching fell under the Trent International Program (founded in 1982) and the Self-Instruction Centre (founded in 1975 and became the Academic Skills Centre in 1981/82). Trent ESL started, as a formal program, in the summer of 1998, with 2 students as a pilot project. The program at Trent Durham began in 2011. Trent-ESL grew to offer many forms of programming, including classes, camps, social events and trips, and training for Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL). Staff also participated in international student recruitment efforts.

Scope and content

Fonds documents the work of the Trent-ESL program and experiences of its students. Records include brochures, posters, and student guides. Fonds also includes 3 testimonial books featuring stories and photographs by Trent-ESL students and alumni (2003-2014), a scrapbook of the Canadian Culture Summer English experience program (2019), and a memory book on the history of Trent-ESL, produced for its final celebration (April 2026). See file descriptions for more details.

Notes

Immediate source of acquisition

Records were transferred to the archives by Glenda Fish in April 2026.

Restrictions on access

None.

Note [General]

Posters are in oversized folder (/003-os) located in Trent Cabinet drawer 8.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

Access points

- Textual records (documentary form)
- Photographs (documentary form)
- Scrapbooks (documentary form)
- University records (documentary form)
- Trent University (subject)

Series descriptions

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
2026-5/001(01)	File - The legacy of Trent-ESL: memory book <i>Scope and content:</i> File consists of a memory book produced for the final ESL celebration on April 2, 2026. <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None.	2026	1 pamphlet
2026-5/001(02)	File - Brochures for Trent-ESL <i>Note [General] :</i> Some brochures have been printed in multiple languages. Others are annotated. <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None.	ca. 1998-2025	1 folder of brochures
2026-5/001(03)	File - Text for brochures <i>Scope and content:</i> File consists of typed program descriptions for use in brochures. <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None.	1998-1999	1 folder of textual records
2026-5/001(04)	File - Student handbook: The Trent-ESL English for University Program <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None.	2006	1 folder of textual records
2026-5/001(05)	File - Trent-ESL publications [1 of 3] <i>Scope and content:</i>	2017-2019	1 folder of textual records (5 volumes)

	<p>Folders 5-7 include the last set of printed Trent-ESL publications before they became digital guides. This folder includes the following titles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Trent-ESL instructor handbook, 2018-2019 - Trent-ESL: English for University Program student handbook, 2018-2019 - Trent-ESL: Special Groups Program student handbook, 2019-2020 - Trent-ESL: English for university curriculum document, 2017-2020 - Starting your Trent degree: a guide for international students / by Tania Pattison, Trent International Program <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>None.</p>		
2026-5/001(06)	<p>File - Trent-ESL publications [2 of 3]</p> <p>ca. 2016-2017</p> <p>1 folder of textual records (2 volumes)</p> <p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>Folders 5-7 include the last set of printed Trent-ESL publications before they became digital guides. This folder includes the following titles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Essay essentials and other academic writing, 2nd edition: a guide for international students / by Peggy Kruger and Lori Steers, Trent International Program - Research and documentation: a guide for international students / by Tania Pattison, Trent International Program <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>None.</p>		
2026-5/001(07)	<p>File - Trent-ESL publications [3 of 3]</p> <p>ca. 2017</p> <p>1 folder of textual records (3 volumes)</p> <p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>Folders 5-7 include the last set of printed Trent-ESL publications before they became digital guides. This folder includes the following titles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Successful sentence structure: a guide for international students / Tania Pattison, Trent International Program - Vocabulary skills and strategies: a guide for international students / Tania Pattison, Trent International Program - 101 trouble spots in English: a guide for international students / Peggy Kruger and Tania Pattison, Trent International Program <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>None.</p>		
2026-5/001(08)	<p>File - TESL certificate program: correspondence and brochures</p> <p>2003-2008</p> <p>1 folder of textual records and brochures</p> <p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>The TESL certificate program, for qualification recognized by TESL Canada, was run by Continuing Education with instructors from Trent-ESL.</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>None.</p>		
2026-5/001(09)	<p>File - King Abdullah Scholarship Program (KASP): ESL Schools Reference Guide</p> <p>2011</p> <p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>Trent ESL received many students through the KASP scholarship. Successful students continued to undergraduate studies. The program ended in 2018.</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p>		

	None.		
2026-5/001(10)	File - Trent GOOSE International Youth Camp brochures <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None.	2024, 2026	2 brochures
2026-5/001(11)	File - Photographs: Carol Wang Xiao, Trent-ESL award winner presented by Jo Tang, former ESL award winner <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None.	2003	2 photographs
2026-5/001(12)	File - Testimonials: Korea, China, Vietnam, Russia <i>Scope and content:</i> File consists of a presentation book featuring testimonials from Trent-ESL and international students, written in their first languages and sometimes translated. This book features students from Korea, China, Vietnam, and Russia. Also includes photographs printed onto paper. The section on Vietnam also documents the activities of the Vietnamese Organization at Trent (VOT). <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None.	2005, n.d.	1 presentation book, with text and 19 photographs
2026-5/002(01)	File - Testimonials: China, Taiwan <i>Scope and content:</i> File consists of a presentation book containing testimonials and photographs from ESL and international students from China and Taiwan, written in their first language. <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None.	2004-2014, n.d.	1 presentation book, with text and 30 photographs
2026-5/002(02)	File - Testimonials: Japan <i>Scope and content:</i> File consists of a presentation book containing testimonials and photographs from ESL and international students from Japan, written in their first language. Some are translated into English. <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None.	2003-2005, n.d.	1 presentation book, with text and 6 photographs
2026-5/002(03)	File - Scrapbook, Canadian Culture Summer English Experience (CSSEE) <i>Scope and content:</i> File consists of a scrapbook for the Canadian Culture Summer English Experience (CCSEE) program. The program ran in 2019 only, and was largely organized by Caroline Bedros, the ESL student assistant. Campers came from a high school in Peru, resided in home stays, and engaged in activities on Trent's Symons campus. The scrapbook includes photographs and messages from the campers.	2019	1 scrapbook (includes 54 photographs)
2026-5/003-os(01)	File - Trent-ESL posters <i>Note [General] :</i> File located in Trent Cabinet drawer 8. <i>Scope and content:</i> File consists of two posters:	2018, n.d.	2 posters

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 2018 poster advertising the Trent University English Language Program- Poster about the Trent-ESL mission, vision, and value statements (no date)
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