



Call for Research/Evaluation Expert(s)

WHO WE ARE

The Centre for Canadian Language Benchmarks (CCLB)/Centre des niveaux de compétence linguistique canadiens (CNCLC) is an Ottawa-based, national, non-profit organization. Since 1998, CCLB has been the centre of expertise in support of the Canadian Language Benchmarks and Niveaux de compétence linguistiques canadiens, the national standards for describing, measuring, and recognizing the second- language proficiency of immigrants and prospective immigrants for living and working in Canada. For more information about CCLB/NCLC, visit www.language.ca.

WHY CCLB/CNCLC?

- Interesting projects
- Canada-wide resources and connections
- Contribute to the field of ESL/FSL
- Supportive CCLB staff
- Professional growth and networking
- Credibility in the field
- Flexibility
- Well-paid

APPLICATION PROCESS

Interested individuals are asked to submit the following documents:

1. A resume and a cover letter demonstrating how you meet the requirements described above.
2. Confirmation of your availability to meet the timelines.
3. One or two examples of work done on projects of a similar nature.
4. The names and contact information for three references for whom you have done similar work.
5. Your expected hourly rate.

Please submit your application package in PDF format to PBLA@language.ca Attn: PBLA Project Manager, Centre for Canadian Language Benchmarks no later than **Wednesday, September 7, 2022 5:00pm EDT**.

Please ensure that the subject line reads "Evaluation Expert".

ABOUT

Call for expert(s) to develop data collection tools and assist in the evaluation of data collected in PBLA/ELBP research pilots.

The Centre for Canadian Language Benchmarks (CCLB) is seeking an experienced evaluation expert or experts to support research on the question of how many artefacts are required to demonstrate language proficiency using Portfolio Based Language Assessment (PBLA) and *Evaluation basée sur le portfolio (ELBP)*.

CCLB has been contracted by IRCC to engage experts and coordinate a research pilot in LINC and CLIC programs to re-examine the number of artefacts and hours of progression recommended to programs in order to demonstrate sufficient evidence and therefore progress learners through the levels.

The expert(s) will develop tools to assist in selecting pilot sites, identify data to be collected, develop evaluation tools. Analyze data and draw conclusions to inform recommendations for PBLA and ELBP which consider new delivery modalities and limitations for literacy programming.

The selected expert(s) must have a degree or qualifications in psychometrics, measurement or second language education and must have conducted several similar research projects. Applicants must describe their ability to work in English, French or both languages.

WHAT YOU WILL DO

- Assist in developing evaluation tools to assess applications from potential pilot sites.
- Provide input into the review of applications from the potential sites.
- Develop evaluation tools that will be used to measure the demonstration of language progression through the collection of artifacts in innovative PBLA/ELBP learning contexts.
- Assist in the on-going monitoring of the research pilot sites as required.
- Analyze the data collected.
- Provide recommendations.
- Assist in writing the final report.

NUMBER OF HOURS AND DURATION

It is anticipated that the selected expert(s) will be required for 40 to 50 hours between mid-September 2022 and March 31, 2023 with a probable extension to July 2023, at approximately the same number of hours.

WHAT YOU BRING

Applicants must have:

- Degree or qualifications in psychometrics, measurement or second language education.
- Experience in analyzing research data.
- Knowledge of CLB/NCLC for task-based curriculum planning, instruction, and assessment.
- Familiarity with PBLA/ELBP.

Note: An understanding of the needs of literacy learners would be considered an asset.