



## INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE IELTS TEST CENTERS IN THE USA

### Introduction to IELTS

The International English Language Testing System (IELTS) assesses a test taker's readiness to study or work where English is the language of communication. IELTS is delivered through a network of over 1000 testing locations around the world, including test centers at U.S. community colleges, university testing centers and English as a Second Language (ESL) departments around the country. The test was introduced in 1989 and has increasingly grown in global candidature with over 2.2 million tests administered in 2013.

### Recognition and Acceptance

Educational institutions in the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom use IELTS to assess the English proficiency of international students. Over 3,000 undergraduate, graduate, and professional school faculties in the US **accept IELTS for matriculation** purposes.

### What are the benefits to becoming a test center?

- Associate your organization with the authentic, global and customer-focused test of English language proficiency.
- Benefit from unique professional development opportunities for your ESL teaching staff to become Examiners.
- Provide a valuable service for your own students, other educational departments in your organization and residents of the local community by integrating IELTS into the curriculum.
- Develop a healthy new income stream: centers retain 57% of candidate test fee.
- Embrace a range of wrap-around products including preparation material and preparation courses.
- Open new markets and attract new students.

### Finances

Please contact Guy Edwards, Regional Manager – U.S. Test Center Network ([gedwards@ieltsusa.org](mailto:gedwards@ieltsusa.org)) who will be happy to provide you with a clear one page summary detailing all costs, anticipated income and gross profit from a test session as well as a more detailed guide to becoming a test center.

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