



# English Language Office Russian Federation

There are numerous **online resources** available for teachers of English and American studies, including those that provide:

- Links to a variety of national and international ELT sites – <http://usembassy.ru/english/>
- Links to many ELT sites in the U.S. as well as information on the new teacher training video program Shaping the Way We Teach English – <http://oelp.uoregon.edu/>
- Content-based instruction links, including health and civic education and English for scientific and technical purposes – <http://exchanges.state.gov/education/engteaching/onlineeca.htm>
- Authentic American studies information – <http://usinfo.state.gov/journals/journals.htm>

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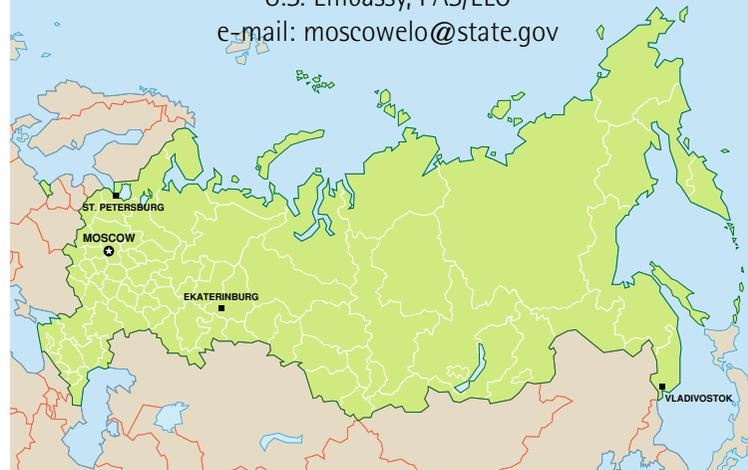
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## MISSION

The **English Language Office (ELO)** opened in U.S. Embassy in Moscow in 1993. Part of the Public Affairs Section, it cooperates with the Ministry of Education, teachers' associations, universities, schools and English language teaching (ELT) professionals on a variety of educational and cultural exchange programs and projects in order to enhance mutual understanding between the peoples of the Russian Federation and the United States.

The office in Moscow is one of 18 such offices around the world. Its work is coordinated by the Office of English Language Programs in the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs in Washington, D.C. <http://englishprograms.state.gov>

The English Language Office is committed to building and strengthening professional development opportunities offered by national and regional teachers' associations, such as NATE, SPELTA and FEELTA, and by pre-service and in-service training programs, such as those offered by pedagogical universities and retraining institutes. The ELO supports conferences, workshop series and consultations that address methodology, curriculum design, assessment and materials development needs. Professional exchanges, such as the English Language Fellow, English Language Specialist, and International Visitor programs, online courses and resources, and English language materials are among the ways in which the ELO works with the ELT community.



## PROGRAMS

The **English Language Fellow Program** places highly qualified American ELT professionals in host institutions and universities throughout the Russian Federation for one to two academic years. Fellows work with their hosts as well as with the local and regional ELT community, creating professional development opportunities and supporting collaboration between teachers' associations, local ministry of education offices and teachers at all levels.



The **English Language Specialist Program** brings American ELT experts to the Russian Federation for two to three weeks to address cutting-edge aspects of relevant themes and topics, such as teaching English for Specific Purposes, Computer Assisted Language Learning, and alternative assessment. Specialists provide keynote addresses at conferences, conduct workshops and consult with a wide range of ELT professionals.

The **English Access Microscholarship Program** is a new U.S. Department of State initiative for secondary school students. The program provides an American-style classroom experience using U.S. books and materials. For more information, please visit <http://exchanges.state.gov/education/engteaching/access.htm>



## RESOURCES

The English Language Office coordinates the distribution of U.S. government-produced **ELT and American studies books**, cassettes, maps, videos and CDs. Its flagship publication, the quarterly *English Teaching Forum*, is a response to a need for theoretical and practical solutions and suggestions in the ELT field. New and experienced authors are encouraged to contribute their articles. The ELO also collaborates with local authors to create Russia-specific material that addresses key ELT and cross-cultural issues. Among its many titles are an interactive DVD with texts and audio, *American Potpourri*, and the *American Studies* textbook series.

The **Umbrella Newsletter** is an online newsletter that is sent to thousands of ELT practitioners throughout the Russian Federation. It contains information on local and national professional development opportunities, including conferences and exchange programs. Members share news items and contribute to the Calendar of ELT Events.

*E-Teacher*, a suite of **online courses** on Assessment, Young Learners, Business English, Legal English and Critical Thinking are offered annually. The ELO also sponsors a group of participants for the online course *Integrating the Internet into the Classroom*, which provides participants with practical approaches to applying internet technology in their ELT courses.