



# Program in Intensive English

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## Research in PIE 2014-2015

The Program in Intensive English (PIE) encourages research on second language learning and teaching by faculty and graduate students. Although research on all topics is welcomed, for this academic year, PIE has three research priorities:

1. investigating the effectiveness of grammar instruction;
2. understanding the types of inferences taught and tested in reading and listening; and
3. investigating the preparedness to enter / take classes at NAU; "preparedness" could be linguistic, pragmatic, phonological, social/cultural, or skills-based.

All PIE students and teachers sign informed consent forms at the beginning of the semester; no additional informed consent forms are necessary. If projects are approved, researchers may have access to data that students and teachers have agreed to release.

To apply for permission to conduct research in PIE, submit an application using the form at this link:

- <https://www.nau.edu/CAL/PIE/Research-Application/>

Please be sure to note the following:

- If you are a graduate student, send support for the project by your teacher/faculty advisor in the form of an e-mail message.
- If you are collecting data, approval from IRB must be received before the project can begin.

Once your initial application is received, you will be contacted to make arrangements for your project. Plan on at least 1-2 weeks before you can begin your project.

Upon completion of your project, you must submit a brief, 5-8 page report to PIE through Dr. Joan Jamieson (joan.jamieson@nau.edu). The report must include a title, name and affiliation of principal investigator(s), a 150-200 word abstract. It must use the following headings: background, research questions, methods, results, relevance to PIE and second language learning, and a list of references. Include a running header with page numbers. Follow APA format, use 12 point Times New Roman font, 1 inch margins, and double space your Word document. (See <http://nau.edu/CAL/PIE/2013-2014-Research/> for examples.) For the 2014-2015 academic year, a prize will be awarded for the best research project, with priority given to those projects that address PIE's research priorities. Failure to submit a report will preclude further research in the PIE.