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## **University of Texas at Arlington Assistant Professor Receives Grant From International Education Association**

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Patricia J. Casey, an assistant professor in the Educational Leadership and Policy Studies Department of the University of Texas at Arlington, has received a \$1,165 PDK Project Grant from PDK International, a global association of education professionals.

Casey will use the funds to provide services to rural school districts in North Texas that focus on English Language Learner (ELL) students. “The goal is to offer a one day professional development session to teachers in rural schools districts who are struggling to meet the needs of a rapidly increasing population of students for whom English is not their first language,” Casey said.

The one-day training program will focus on differentiation of instruction for students who are culturally and linguistically unique. Teachers will be given foundational information and engage in activities regarding the issues and challenges related to cultural diversity in the classroom and providing instruction for ELL students.

Each year, PDK International awards grants to members, PDK chapters, and groups of members and chapters to fund projects that provide short-term supplemental financial support to projects that improve the field of education and further the association’s three tenets of leadership, research, and service.

“We are delighted to support such visionary educational initiatives through the PDK Project Grants program,” said PDK Executive Director William J. Bushaw. “Funding these inspiring projects allows us to help our members continually improve the field of education.”

To learn more about the PDK Project Grant program, visit [www.pdkintl.org/awards/regional.htm](http://www.pdkintl.org/awards/regional.htm).

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