



Breaking the Language Gap:
Bringing International
Teaching Assistants and
students together

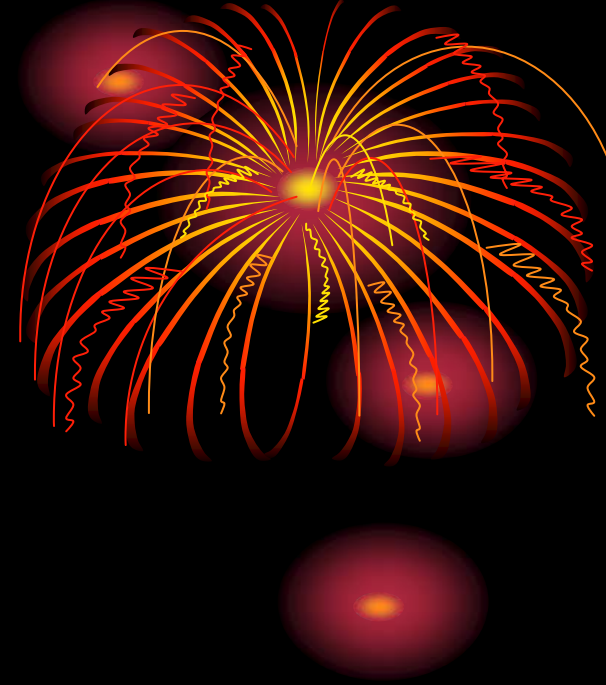
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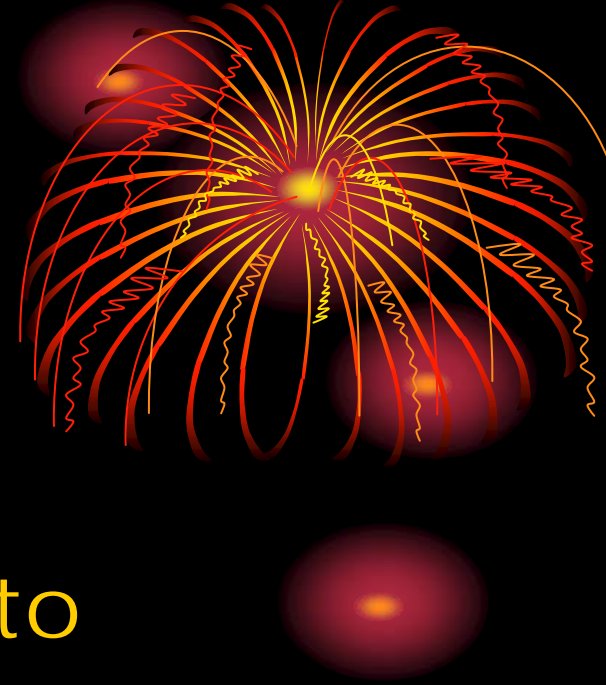
Background



- Laws enacted in 1980s to monitor ITAs English ability
- Oral English Proficiency Program (OEPP) in place at Purdue University

Problem

- Purdue draws many international students to graduate programs
- Stigmas about ITAs
- Some undergraduate students dread this experience



Solution

- Weekly lunches with ITAs and undergraduate students
- Twice per semester seminar program designed to promote better English skills in classroom

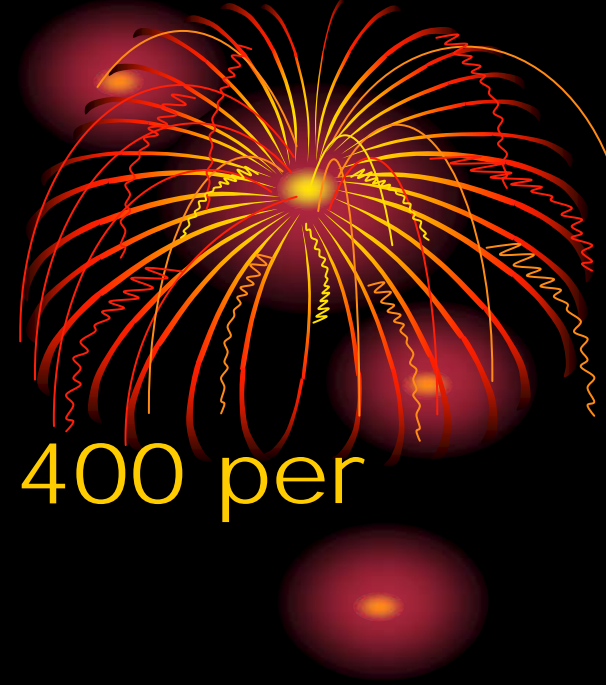


Method



- Empirical research for report
- Interview with Dr. April Ginther
- Survey of undergraduate students

Budget



- Approximate cost of \$1400 per semester
- Includes 12 weekly lunches and two seminars during the semester

Timeline



- Submit report
- Report then sent to Provost
- Determine availability of ITAs and OEPP staff to teach seminars
- Find donations for lunches

Benefits



- Allows undergrads to overcome stigmas
- Also allows them to enjoy cultural experience
- Strengthens ITAs confidence in the classroom