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**What subject did you study?** *EdD TESOL*

**Year of Graduation** *2008*

**Current Job Title** *Professor*

**Current Employer/Organisation Name** *Universidad Autonoma De Tamaulipas*

**What have you been doing since leaving Exeter, and what are you doing now?**

*After completing my EdD in TESOL in 2008, I have been teaching language related courses at my university. I have also been engaged in research related projects, with some research articles having been published in national and international journals.*

**Why did you choose this career? And what do you enjoy most about your work?**

*I like to teach and keep abreast with new research developments in the TESOL and applied linguistics fields. I enjoy the opportunity that I have to meet new people through the work I do. At the same time, I also like the fact that my role as researcher gives me some sort of professional independence in my workplace as it is a high-stakes activity in my context.*

**What did you enjoy most about studying here?**

*I really enjoyed the research training provided by the school of education and lifelong learning. I feel the training gave me a great deal of confidence in my research skills and now I think it is paying off.*

**Why did you choose to study at Exeter?**

*I took into account several aspects. For example, I found out that it was a highly research-oriented university. I also found out that one the professors in my target program was a renowned scholar in my field choice. The mild weather in the city was also a major consideration.*

**What skills and experiences have been most useful for your career?**

*Again, the research training I received there has been invaluable. I found it to be world class. I also think that the university invests in resources that are highly beneficial to students such as library, research support units, etc. When I was there, many of the academic staff members were known for their important contributions to the advancement of knowledge in their fields.*



**What advice would you give to a current student who wishes to pursue your career?**

*I would encourage them to set high academic expectations for themselves and believe in themselves. I would also tell them that they can become anything they dream of. It is only through all the members' contributions that our field can consolidate.*

**What are your plans for the future?**

*I plan to continue seeking professional development opportunities. My goal is to be recognised as an applied linguistics scholar at the international level. On the more personal side of my life, I would like to continue providing my family with opportunities to pursue high quality education so they can become good citizens and persons.*

**Do you have any tips or advice for beginning a career or working in your industry/sector?**

*Our TESOL field is not well recognised in many countries. However, we all can contribute to making it a more attractive and respectable profession. Even if we do not get the recognition we deserve, we can still make a big difference in our lives and the lives of others. To that aim, we need to prepare so as to become the best version of ourselves.*