

The LLEARN Project

The LLEARN project is a private-public partnership with CANARIE Inc. that brings together best practices in second language teaching/learning and the capacity of broadband technology. The result will be tools and methodology that improve the teaching and learning of second languages. French will be the initial language delivered by LLEARN.

Designed for Teachers and Learners

LLEARN will create an effective broadband Internet-based language learning tool (oral and written) that teachers can use to develop and deliver content, and to encourage learner collaboration and peer-to-peer sharing. More specifically, the LLEARN tool will incorporate and demonstrate:

- An immersive interactive multimedia learning tool in which elearners can listen, speak, and collaborate with distributed peers.
- Broadband intensive language learning applications where individual learners:
 - can record, playback and share voice recordings, and
 - have direct access to hyperlinked language learning support tools including on-line grammar, personalized dictionary, pronunciation guide, and proficiency evaluation center.
- Broadband intensive language learning collaboration between and among learners and instructors.

The LLEARN tool itself will be applied in multi-level settings from school age to adult learning.

Expert Design Team

The LLEARN project provides a national demonstration of collaborative development of broadband learning, with LLEARN partners sharing and integrating resources, content and expertise.

Using the French language as the first content area, LLEARN will be built to respect provincial and national requirements. Partners include pedagogic experts (Faculté Saint-Jean, University of Alberta), distance education practitioners (BC South Island Distance Education School, Alberta Distance Learning Centre, and Newfoundland & Labrador Avalon East School District) and innovative technologists (Etraffic Solutions Inc.). Additional partners serving in an advisory role are the Department of National Defence, the BC Ministry of Competition, Science and Enterprise, and the BC Ministry of Education.

Broadband Technology

The LLEARN project will test and address challenges of digital-based language learning through the collaborative development of this broadband advanced learning system, both:

- Pedagogic (teaching and learning language virtually), and
- Technical (voice recording, listening, collaborating and comparing intonation and pronunciation graphically).

The LLEARN tool will be SCORM and CanCore compliant.

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CANARIE Inc. is Canada's advanced Internet development organization - a not-for-profit corporation supported by its members, project partners and the Federal Government. CANARIE's mission is to accelerate Canada's advanced Internet development and use by facilitating the widespread adoption of faster, more efficient networks and by enabling the next generation of advanced products, applications and services to run on them. LLEARN is one of just 14 projects selected for funding support from over 150 submissions in a two year period.

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