



## **ALAA Postgraduate Travel Scholarships: Call for Applications**

Applications are called for **ALAA Postgraduate Travel Scholarships** to attend the ALANZ/ALAA/ALTAANZ Conference to be held in Perth from 25th – 27th November 2019. Five scholarships of up to \$800\* each are available. The scholarships can be used towards conference registration, travel and/or accommodation. They will be awarded as a reimbursement for documented expenses after the conference.

### **Eligibility criteria:**

To be eligible for a scholarship, you must:

- 1 hold a current ALAA membership for *at least six months at the time of application*;
- 2 be enrolled as a full time higher degree research student *or*
- 3 not have been awarded a research degree (Masters or PhD) before 30th June 2019
- 4 not be in full time employment at the time of the conference
- 5 have a presentation accepted for the ALANZ/ALAA/ALTAANZ 2019 conference
- 6 not have been a recipient of an ALAA postgraduate travel scholarship previously.

### **Application Procedure:**

To be considered, applications must include:

- 1 a completed scholarship application form (see below)
- 2 a one-page summary of your research project, addressing the following aspects:
  - aims, context, rationale, & methodology of the project
  - the project's potential contribution to/significance for our understanding of issues related to the field of applied linguistics
  - innovation and potential impact
- 3 a copy of the abstract accepted for presentation at the 2019 ALAA conference
- 4 your CV
- 5 a letter of support from an academic commenting on the quality of your research

All applications should be submitted via email to ALAA Secretary. The closing date is **midnight Australian Eastern Summer time Friday 13 September 2019**. Preference will be given to doctoral candidates, but research students at Honours and Masters levels are also encouraged to apply. Successful applicants will be notified by in due course.

For more information on this year's submission requirements, please download the **[ALAA Postgraduate Travel Scholarship application form \(PDF\)](#)** (160 KB). For further information, please email A/Prof Elke Strake (Secretary, ALAA) at [Elke.Stracke@canberra.edu.au](mailto:Elke.Stracke@canberra.edu.au)

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### Section A: Application Form

*Please complete and return this form*

Title:	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Ms
First Name:	
Family Name:	
Contact Details:	Mailing address:  Email:  Phone:
Name of institution and department for your postgraduate studies:	
Title of degree:	
Date (anticipated/actual) of award of higher degree	
Title and name of person supplying your letter of support	
Position/relevance to your research of person supplying your letter of support (e.g. supervisor)	
Expected costs in attending the conference:	Travel:  Conference Registration:  Accommodation:  TOTAL amount requested:

I hereby declare that:

1. I am enrolled as a full-time higher degree student (Masters by research; PhD) *or* this degree was not awarded ***before*** 31 August 2019
2. I am ***not*** in full-time employment
3. I hold ALAA current membership (please attach proof of membership)
4. The attached abstract was accepted for the 2019 ALAA conference
5. All other details supplied in this application are true and correct.

Your signature (if you can scan it into this document) or your full name (if you can't):

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*In addition to the completed application form, please supply:*

1. a description of your research project (on one page and no longer than 700 words) including:
  - a. aims
  - b. rationale
  - c. methodology
  - d. progress at the time of this application
  - e. anticipated, preliminary or final results
  - f. potential or actual significance
  - g. how your ALAA conference paper relates to the wider study.
2. a copy of:
  - a. the abstract accepted for presentation at the 2019ALAA conference
  - b. the acceptance letter you received
3. your CV (no more than one page)
4. a letter of support from an academic who knows your scholarly work and can comment on the quality of your research
5. proof of current ALAA membership.

### **Criteria for Assessing and Ranking Scholarship Applications**

#### **Description of your Research Project**

Your description will be assessed (as excellent/good/fair/unsatisfactory) against the following criteria:

1. evidence that the research project is clearly focussed
2. the clarity of the description of the project's context and rationale (theoretical and/or empirical and/or practical and/or literature)
3. the clarity of the description of your research methodology
4. evidence of the extent to which your research has progressed (more advanced projects will rank more highly than less advanced)
5. your description of the project's existing or potential contribution to/significance for our understanding of language and/or its relation to the wider world
6. the clarity of your description of how your ALAA conference paper relates to your overall research project.

#### **Track Record**

Your CV will be assessed (as outstanding/good/fair) in relation to your scholarly achievements to date.

#### **Letter of Support**

Your letter of support will be assessed (as strong/fair/weak) in relation to:

1. the degree of support your referee indicates (high/medium/low)
2. specific evidence your referee offers regarding your academic achievements and/or promise.