

# PENNY MCKAY MEMORIAL AWARD

## How To Apply

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### Eligibility

The Penny McKay Memorial Award is awarded annually for a doctoral thesis submitted at an Australian university and passed in the preceding academic year. **For 2016, theses submitted and passed between 12<sup>th</sup> August 2015 and the closing date below are eligible.**

The thesis should be focussed on aspects of ***second/additional language education in Australian schools (including pre-schools)***, including language development and learning, curriculum, teaching, assessment or policy-making for Indigenous languages, community languages, foreign languages, Standard Australian English as an additional language or variety, and English as a foreign language.

The applicant must be a verified member of ALAA or their State/Territory ACTA affiliate or ALTAANZ.

### Applications

Applications for the 2016 round are due on or before midnight EST on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016.**

Applications should be submitted electronically to the ALAA Secretary, Dr Colette Mrowa-Hopkins, Flinders University: [colette.mrowa-hopkins@flinders.edu.au](mailto:colette.mrowa-hopkins@flinders.edu.au)

Applications should be in pdf format. If you are submitting more than one document, please make sure your name is included in each document.

**Applications must include Sections 1, 2, 3 & 5. Section 4 must also be included if the research was not carried out in a school or pre-school.**

**Section 1:** The Application Form (see below)

**Section 2:** Material from the thesis, viz.:

- i. the thesis abstract
- ii. the thesis Table of Contents
- iii. one chapter from the thesis that the applicant believes best demonstrates the outstanding qualities of the overall thesis (see document entitled **Evaluation Criteria**).

**Section 3:**

- i. copies of all examiners' reports

- ii. one supervisor's statement (this statement should complement, not duplicate, the examiners' reports, may comment on anything in the examiners' reports, and may elaborate on relevant matters not covered in examiners' reports)

**Section 4:** if the thesis research was *not* carried out in a school or pre-school setting and/or with (pre-)school-age second language learners, a statement (of no more than 100 words) explaining how the thesis findings are relevant to school settings and school-age learners. **Please note:** if the research was *not* in a (pre-) school setting, this section *must* be included if the application is to be considered by the Selection Panel.

**Section 5:** a summary of the thesis outlining the background, methodology, findings and contributions of the study (max. 300 words); this summary will be used to describe the award-winning thesis on the ALAA, ACTA and ALTAANZ websites and in their respective journals.

### **Announcement and Presentation of the Award**

It is anticipated that the Award winner will be notified towards the end of October 2016.

The Award will be presented at ***EITHER*** the [2016 ALTAANZ conference](#) at the University of Auckland (18-19 November 2016; pre-conference workshop 17 November) ***OR*** the [2016 ALAA Conference](#) at the Caulfield campus of Monash University, Melbourne (5-7 December 2016), depending on which conference the Award winner chooses to attend - it is assumed that the Award winner will attend at least one of these conferences.

***Please complete the separate Application Form as Section 1 of your application***