

MwALT Graduate Student Award for Excellence in Language Assessment Research

Purpose:

To recognize language assessment research conducted by a graduate student

Eligibility:

The research must have been carried out by a graduate student in a master's or doctoral program. The project may investigate any area of language assessment and may involve quantitative and/or qualitative analysis. The research project may have been carried out in the context of a graduate-level course, or may be an independent project conducted for academic credit. The project must be in final form as a written paper at the time of submission. Research projects **not** eligible for this award are doctoral dissertations and projects that are a component of a larger study, where the purpose and design of the larger study were developed by someone other than the nominee. The paper must have been submitted for credit within two years prior to the year of the award (2010, 2011 and spring semester of 2012 for the 2012 award).

Award:

The winner will present the award-winning paper at the annual MwALT conference following his or her selection. The winner's conference registration fee will be waived, and at the awards ceremony, the winner will receive a certificate and a book on language testing.

Criteria for Selection:

- (a) The paper should address an area of importance in second language assessment.
- (b) The paper must have been submitted for credit within two years prior to the year of the award (2010, 2011 and spring semester of 2012 for the 2012 award).
- (c) The paper should be in APA format and no more than 9,000 words including references.
- (d) The recipient is not required to be a member of MwALT.
- (e) The research project must have been carried out for a graduate course or conducted for academic credit.

Submission:

The paper (in APA format) must be no more than 9,000 words including references. Abstracts are required as part of the paper and should be no longer than 250 words. On a separate cover page, the following should be included:

- a. Title of the paper;
- b. Name of the author, the graduate course number, course title, professor of record, and the institutional affiliation including the location of the institution. Acronyms should not be used when giving institutional affiliations;
- c. Surface mail address of correspondent;
- e. E-mail address of correspondent;
- f. Telephone number of correspondent.

The cover page and paper should be submitted electronically (as MS Word attachments) to spapageorgiou@ets.org by **June 5th 2012**. The email must have the subject header "Best Paper Award Submission –Name" as electronic papers submitted without the correct header may be lost. Papers submitted after the deadline will not be considered.