UK Association for Language Testing and Assessment (UKALTA)

Inviting expressions of interest to run a UKALTA-sponsored activity in 2022

In addition to supporting the annual *Language Testing Forum* conference, which normally takes place in November, UKALTA offers limited grant funding to sponsor other activities during the year organised by individuals, groups or associations.

To be eligible for sponsorship funding, activities must promote UKALTA's stated aims (see http://ukalta.org/about). The scope and type of any activity are left open and flexible, but suggestions for possible projects could include: a special interest group workshop; a face-to-face/online seminar targeting PhD students; or a stakeholder engagement activity.

Up to £1500 is available annually to support such activities. The maximum amount may not be needed in many cases. To date, 3 events have received funding from UKALTA (see http://ukalta.org/events): a 1-day symposium at the University of Southampton in November 2019; a joint CEFR symposium with the British Coucil and EALTA in London in Feb 2020; and a 2-day online symposium in October 2021.

The UKALTA Executive Committee is pleased to invite applications for grant funding in 2022.

Applications (up to 2 pages) must:

- Describe the activity and how it will be delivered (e.g., location, venue, medium)
- State who the target participant group is and why the activity is useful for this group
- Explain how the activity promotes UKALTA's stated aims
- State who will organise and facilitate the activity and their capacity to do so
- Set out clearly the costs to be covered by the grant funding
- Indicate any other sources of support (financial and otherwise) for the activity

The UKALTA Executive Committee will consider all applications in relation to the quality and value of a proposed activity, its alignment with UKALTA aims, its feasibility, and its potential impact. The Committee may decide not to fund any activity if no appropriate applications are received.

Successful applicants will be asked to provide a short follow-up report on their activity for the UKALTA website.

The deadline for applications for 2022 is **Monday 31 January 2022** and applicants will be notified of the outcome within 3 weeks of that date. *

Please send your application by email to the UKALTA Secretary, Judith Fairbairn, at judith.fairbairn@ukalta.org Judith will also deal with any questions about the process.

The UKALTA Executive Committee fully recognises the continuing challenges and uncertainties due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the difficulties of planning ahead for activities during 2022. Nevertheless, we are keen to advertise this annual funding opportunity and to encourage expressions of interest for both onsite and online activities.