

UKALTA Student Travel Awards 2022

UKALTA is pleased to offer funding for up to 2 students to attend and present at the *Language Testing Forum* (LTF) each year, usually held in late November. The funding is given towards the cost of travel and/or accommodation (but not for conference registration or other costs) up to a maximum of £250 per awardee. The student must be accepted to give an oral or poster presentation at the conference.

Students who are accepted to present at the LTF are invited to apply for the travel award by a set deadline. Applicants provide: the title, authors and abstract of their presentation, a supporting statement for their application (up to 200 words) and an approximate budget for the travel and/or accommodation required. The supporting statement should include a brief explanation of the financial context and of the benefits that the applicant believes conference attendance will bring in terms of, for example, networking or furthering their studies.

Applications should be sent to info@UKALTA.org and will be considered by the UKALTA executive committee or a sub-committee set up for this purpose. The criteria used are:

- Relevance of presentation to the conference theme
- Quality of the abstract – in relation to content and language
- Persuasiveness of the supporting statement

Conditions for the award

- The applicant must be a student member of UKALTA. (See the UKALTA website for membership eligibility requirements.).
- The presentation may involve a solo student presenter or a student co-presenter with one or more co-presenters. Co-presenters do not have to be students. If two (or more) students are involved in one presentation, a joint application is required and, if awarded, the funding (of up to £250) is shared equally. Each awardee must take an active part in an oral presentation.
- An awardee is required to provide evidence of their student status to receive the award. Student status is viewed as continuing to graduation.
- Funding is provided for the awardee only. Awardees must not have funding from other sources for the same costs. Funding is provided based on receipts and is therefore given after the conference has taken place.
- Awardees are recognised in the LTF conference programme and on the UKALTA website. After the conference, awardees may be asked to provide a paragraph explaining the value of attending the LTF from their perspective. This text may be used to promote the award in future years.
- Awardees may not apply for the award in subsequent years.
- One or both of the awards may be withheld in any year if applications of sufficient quality are not received.