

## UK Association for Language Testing and Assessment (UKALTA)

### Inviting expressions of interest to run a UKALTA-sponsored activity in 2023

In addition to supporting the annual *Language Testing Forum* conference, which normally takes place in late 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, and the available grant funding may be split across more than one acceptable application.

To date, 3 events have received funding from UKALTA (see [Events: Events – UKALTA](#)): a 1-day symposium at the University of Southampton in November 2019; a joint CEFR symposium with the British Council and EALTA in London in February 2020; and a 2-day online symposium in October 2021. No applications were received for funding in 2022.

The UKALTA Executive Committee is pleased to invite applications for grant funding in 2023. This can be used to fund events held in 2023 (or in the first quarter of 2024 up to the end of March).

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 2023-24 is **Friday 31 March 2023** 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 [info@ukalta.org](mailto:info@ukalta.org). Judith will also deal with any questions about the process.

Terms of Reference (updated January 2023)

*\*The UKALTA Executive Committee recognises some continuing challenges and uncertainties following the Covid-19 pandemic. Nevertheless, we are keen to advertise this annual funding opportunity and to encourage expressions of interest for both in-person and online activities.*