

# 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 2015, theses submitted and passed between 30<sup>th</sup> May 2014 (the 2014 Award closing date) 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 2015 round are due on or before midnight EST on **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2015.**

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. One complete file is preferable but if that is not possible, 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 report (Please note item (v) in document **THE PENNY MCKAY MEMORIAL AWARD** *Applying for the Award*)

**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 2015.

The Award will be presented at the 2015 ALAA-ALANZ conference in **Adelaide (Monday 30th November - Wednesday 2nd December)**. It is assumed that the Award winner will attend this conference.

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