

LANGUAGECERT® UKALTA AWARD

› LANGUAGECERT and UKALTA Research Award

This joint award between LANGUAGECERT and UKALTA supports research that enhances knowledge and practice in language assessment through studies that align with shared areas of interest between LANGUAGECERT and UKALTA. Starting in 2026, the award will be granted annually.

› Award Benefits

The winner will receive:

- A monetary award of £1,000 (GBP)
- An invitation to present, in person, their research at the Language Testing Forum (LTF) 2026
- Coverage of participation costs at LTF, including:
 - LTF conference registration fees
 - LTF conference dinner
 - Up to two nights' accommodation
 - Travel reimbursement up to £600 (GBP), based on actual costs

› Research Areas

For the first three years (2026–2028) the research theme will focus on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) considerations in assessment design, development and delivery.

› Eligibility

The award is open to completed research projects conducted within the past three years. While applicants may choose to focus on LANGUAGECERT assessments, this is not a requirement.

› Selection Criteria

Selection will be based on:

- Methodological robustness
- Relevance to stated research priorities
- Academic rigour
- Feasibility and impact
- Innovation and contribution to the field
- Clarity of presentation

›Submissions

Please submit a summary of the research project up to 1,500 words (references will not be included in the word count). The summary must include an introduction, literature review, research questions, methodology and findings and their implications. If the research involves human participants, applicants must confirm that informed consent has been obtained. APA style is preferred.

Email your summary to lcsearchawards@peoplecert.org

Please include your full name, institution and contact details.

The closing date for submissions is 30 April 2026.

Submissions will be reviewed by a joint panel comprising members of the LANGUAGECERT Research Committee and UKALTA Executive Committee. The decisions of the panel are final.

The review panel reserves the right to withhold the award if no submission meets the required quality standards. Past awardees may not apply for the same award in subsequent years.

All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their submission by 15 July 2026.

The awardee will be invited to present at the LTF, November 2026 (dates TBC) and asked to prepare an abstract of their talk.

›Timeline for 2026

- **30 April 2026:** application deadline
- **Review and evaluation**
- **15 July 2026:** all applicants will be notified of the outcome of their submission.
- **31 July 2026:** full research report conference abstract to be submitted
- **November 2026:** presentation delivered at LTF 2026

If you have any questions about the application process or the LANGUAGECERT UKALTA Award please contact lcsearchawards@peoplecert.org