



Linguistics Society of Southern Africa (LSSA) ***Linguistevereniging van Suider-Afrika (LVSA)***

LSSA Seed funding for linguistics events

Call for proposals for events to be hosted during 2017

First Deadline: 1 March 2017.

If no feasible applications are received by the deadline then proposals can be submitted at any time other during the year and awards will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Background

Section 2 of the LSSA constitution commits the society to the promotion of the linguistic disciplines. The aims of the society are: *to promote, in Southern Africa, studies and research in Linguistics; to remain innovative and vigorous by undertaking taking any other initiatives for the promotion of linguistics; to provide a forum for the exchange of knowledge and insights in Linguistics and; to establish contact with other language interest groups and where possible to arrange joint activities and projects.* We believe it is increasingly important that the societies take a bigger role in shaping these joint conferences and thereby, take a proactive stance in supporting the linguistic disciplines in Southern Africa. In an attempt to deepen the commitment of the LSSA to promoting linguistics at the 2014 AGM, the membership voted to provide financial seed funding to selected linguistic workshops and symposia. The LSSA hopes to increase this funding over time.

- The LSSA undertakes to provide seed funding, promote the event on its mailing list, publish calls etc. and to assist in any other way possible;
- The organizers undertake to promote society membership in return.

Finance and reporting

The LSSA undertakes to provide the sum of R10 000 as seed funding to the organizers for the purpose of promoting linguistics and facilitating and furthering the participation of LSSA society members in the conference/workshop/symposium. The amount will be transferred to the bank account of the institution or entity hosting/organizing the event. Finances will not be transferred to a personal account of an individual.

There is no requirement that the seed funding be repaid to the LSSA.



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On completion of the event, a short report must be submitted to the LSSA within three months of the end of the event. The report must include a full financial statement of the use to which the funds have been put and may include any other information that the organizers feel necessary. There is no limit to the length of the report, but 1-2 pages will be sufficient. This report will also be submitted by the LSSA committee to the following AGM.

Eligibility

Applicants do not need to be LSSA members but society membership will be seen as an advantage.

Procedure for application

Proposals must be emailed to the President of the LSSA, Prof. Mark de Vos (m.devos@ru.ac.za) With the following words in the title “LSSA SEED FUNDING PROPOSAL” by 5pm on 1 March 2016. The aim is not to provide a long proposal, but merely an indication that the organizers have put some thought into their plans and that they are, in principle, feasible. There is no limit on the length of the proposal but 2-3 pages should be sufficient.

The proposal should include at least:

- (a) the title of the event,
- (b) name of the organizers and organizing institution;
- (c) Whether the applicants are paid-up LSSA members for the coming year.
- (d) letter of support from the institution/dean etc.
- (e) dates;
- (f) details of the scope and linguistic content of the event with special care taken to demonstrate that the event promotes the study of linguistics.
- (g) how the money will be spent in the service of facilitating and furthering the participation of LSSA society members in the event.

Evaluation of the proposals may take into consideration the extent to which the proposal:

- promotes LSSA society membership
- promotes and facilitates participation by LSSA society members
- is theoretically grounded in linguistics
- promotes transformation of the discipline.



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In the absence of any proposals by the call deadline, any subsequent proposal for an event in the coming year can be entertained by the LSSA committee.

Promoting and facilitating participation of LSSA members in the event.

The aim of this section is to encourage participation by LSSA members in the event and to provide some benefit to LSSA members for doing so. Although LSSA members should be encouraged to participate in the event, participation in the event should not be limited to LSSA or members of any other society. The LSSA encourages the organizers to negotiate the details and/or to specify their preferences in the proposal.

- The LSSA undertakes to include it as an “event” on the LSSA facebook page/website and to advertise it in our newsletter as well as undertaking to place an advertisement on the LinguistList.
- The LSSA undertakes to consider proposals from the organizers to publish selected papers from the event as a special edition of SALALS. This undertaking is subject to the usual editorial policies of the journal. Events which are not held under the auspices of the LSSA or SAALA will not be given priority.
- The LSSA should be acknowledged on the conference programme, the website and on promotional material. The exact nature and extent of the acknowledgement can be negotiated: there is no intention to interfere with the branding of the event.
- LSSA members receive some advantage from the event. *Suggestions* of examples of what *might* constitute this are:
 - **a discount on registration fees for society members.** It is suggested that the discount be R700 or more. This would have the advantage of encouraging participants to consider joining the LSSA and which will thereby increase subscriptions to SALALS. Please note that it is already policy of the joint societies (LSSA/SAALA) that such a discount be operative for the joint annual conference. AGMs of the societies have stated that non-members must pay a surcharge in order to promote membership of the societies and to support the journal.
 - **The registration fee could include a subscription to SALALS.** Since society members already have subscribed, this would be a de-facto discount for society members.
 - **Subsidizing travel or accommodation costs of LSSA members who do not have travel funding from their institutions.** This option should be done in a transparent and non-discriminatory way which should be spelled out in the proposal.



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- any other proposal motivated in the proposal.