Applying Linguistics Fund

The new BAAL Applying Linguistics Fund supports members by offering up to £10,000 for carrying out activities which link research and application.

Applications are invited from full members or student members of BAAL*

Funded activities can take place in the UK or overseas.

The fund will be available for a single activity or a series of connected activities that bring BAAL members (including students) together with research users (e.g. policy makers, teachers, companies, lawyers, police, community groups, health workers).

Examples of activities might include:
- workshops or other dialoguing events
- focus groups/interviews with research users
- collaborative preparation of materials for training or dissemination
- production and distribution of flyers
- attendance at research users’ meetings to present findings

Activities will take place between June 2012 and May 2013.

Successful applicants will be required to produce a short report of 1000 words for the BAAL website and the BAAL conference on completion of the activities.

Criteria for selecting proposals:
1. Relevance of the activity to the user group.
2. Evidence of enthusiasm and intention to participate from the user group for the activity e.g. letter of support.
3. Quality of the activity proposed: achievable goals; realistic costing; nature of the activity.
4. Clear and realistic expectations of the nature of the link between research and application through detailed outputs and outcomes.

Funding amount: you may apply for the full amount of £10,000 or for smaller amounts depending on the scale of your activity. In any one year there will be a fixed amount of £10,000 available.

Funding applications should not exceed four A4 pages and applicants must show how their application meets the criteria. The lead applicant should also enclose a summary CV of no more than one page.

Please note, applicants must specify any existing funds already received or applied for which relate to their application.

Deadline for applications: 31st March 2012

Please send applications to: Dr. Tess Fitzpatrick (t.fitzpatrick@swansea.ac.uk)
Decisions will be made by the Executive Committee at its meeting in May 2012.

*Please note that the fund cannot cover research costs directly associated with dissertation or thesis work, and applications from student members should include a supervisor statement confirming compliance with this.

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