**Call for Applications 2024/25**

**BAAL Applied Linguistics Fund**

Engaging users in the research process and generating impact are important parts of the applied linguistics research agenda. The BAAL Applied Linguistics Fundsupports members by offering up to £15,000 to carry out innovative activities which link research and impact/public engagement.

Applications are invited from any members of BAAL. In the case of joint applications, the lead applicant must be a member of BAAL. Funded activities can take place in the UK or overseas, from 1 August 2024 to 31 July 2025.

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, charities) in innovative ways.

As a result of the feedback we received via our recent members' survey, which pointed to the need for greater advocacy for and promotion of our discipline, we are encouraging applications related to one or more of the following:

* Engagement with, and impact on, national and international debates related to language, language teaching and language use.
* Successful lobbying of decision-makers on matters of concern to applied linguists.
* The delivery and evaluation of an applied linguistic research project whose benefits are widely disseminated and clearly understood by the public.
* The promotion/showcasing of applied linguistics as a valuable source of theory and methods for use in various contexts, including, for example: education, translation, language planning and policy, (mental) health, the heritage sector, and legal and law enforcement contexts.
* Any other research designed to raise awareness of the role of applied linguistics in solving individual and societal problems in which language is believed to be part of the issue, and the evaluating of these solutions together with the people experiencing the problem.

In the previous round of funding, applicants were invited to design their projects with the following themes in mind: minority languages, sign languages, multilingualism, discrimination, language rights, and linguistic citizenship. A total of 12 applications were received and funding was provided to the following five projects:

* Gonzalo Pérez Andrade (London Metropolitan University), Hannah King (London Metropolitan University & Birkbeck, University of London) & Soofia Amin (Kensington Primary School): *Promoting multilingualism at school: How researcher and practitioner collaboration can support and inform the educator-student-community triad* (awarded £2,984).
* Ian Cushing (Edge Hill University) & Dan Clayton (English and Media Centre): *Challenging language discrimination in schools: toward a typology of teacher-led resistance* (awarded £1,855).
* Natalie Braber (Nottingham Trent University) & John Bellamy (Manchester Metropolitan University): *Ground-breaking language: the linguistic practices of mining communities as cultural heritage* (awarded £2,963.71).
* Becky Muradás-Taylor (York St John University): *OurLOTE-York: Celebrating languages other than English used in the City of York* (awarded £3,000).
* Frank Monaghan, Philip Seargeant & Korina Giaxoglou (The Open University): *Bearing witness to the Black presence in the linguistic landscape: Nubian Jak Community Trust blue and black plaques as sites for active citizenship* (awarded £2,974).

Further examples of successful applications from previous rounds are available at the BAAL website (https://www.baal.org.uk/what-we-do/funding/baal-applied-linguistics-fund/)

**Eligibility**

* Applicant (or lead applicant if more than one) must be a member of BAAL.
* Student members of BAAL are also eligible to apply. Please note that while the fund cannot cover costs relating to core dissertation or thesis work, we welcome applications from student members who might use this fund to augment or enhance connections with research end-users. Student applicants should include a statement from their supervisor in support of the application.

**Criteria for selecting proposals**

* Demonstration of relevance and significance of the activity to the user group.
* Evidence of enthusiasm for and intention to participate in activity from the user group, e.g. letter of support.
* Demonstration of relevance to the theme of advocacy for applied linguistics.
* Quality of the activity proposed: achievable goals, realistic costing, nature of the activity (e.g. innovation, impact, scope).
* Clear and realistic expectations of the nature of the link between research and impact/pubic engagement through detailed outputs and outcomes.

Recommendations for good practice in Applied Linguistics are available online at: <https://www.baal.org.uk/who-we-are/resources/>.

**Funds**

You may apply for the full amount of £15,000 or for a smaller amount depending on the scale of your activity. However, in the past, BAAL has typically divided the fund available between three or four different projects.

Please note that, as BAAL is a charity, we do not fund the full economic cost (FEC) of research.

The Fund may be used to cover expenses that are directly related to the proposed project, such as travel and subsistence, events, and research assistants’ time. We do not, however, cover the cost of replacement teaching, payment in lieu of salary, or computer kit.

All funds must be processed through an institution and not through individuals. It is the responsibility of the lead applicant’s institution (as named on the application form) to manage, and cover the costs of, the distribution of the grant to any other institutions or individuals involved in the project, and to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of the grant by those institutions/individuals.

For BAAL members who are based outside of the UK, the cost of transferring the funds to the lead applicant’s institution must be included in the amount of funding requested.

**How to apply**

Applications should be made on the BAAL Applied Linguistics Fund application form below and should clearly show how the proposed project meets the criteria. The lead applicant should include a summary CV of no more than one page as an appendix. Letters of support from potential user groups may also be included as appendices.

A detailed budget should also be attached. Please note applicants must specify any funds already received or applied for which relate to their application. The application should be no more than 2,000 words, excluding CV, budget and any other supporting documentation.

The application should comprise a single PDF document and be sent to: funding@baal.org.uk by **1 April 2024.**

Successful applicants will be required to:

* produce a short report of 1,000 words within three months of the completion of the project. This will be posted on the BAAL website and published in the BAAL newsletter.
* create an additional output, which will also be linked to on the BAAL website. This could be a short online video which presents the outline of the study, a related journal article or book chapter.
* write a short report on the use of the funds for the BAAL Treasurer.

Awardees are also encouraged to give an oral presentation at the BAAL conference on completion of the activities. The abstracts are not required to go through the review process.

**Contact for queries**

If you have any queries about the call, please contact funding@baal.org.uk. You can also watch the [Applied Linguistics Fund 2022 workshop](https://youtu.be/FK4RnN2cX_Y?si=WyFtlQSq1HLjXASI) on YouTube, where we explain the history and aims of the Fund.

**Timeline**

February 2024 online workshop for prospective applicants

1 April 2024 deadline for applications

Mid-June 2024 all applicants are notified

August 2024 to July 2025 all research activities carried out

August/September 2025 presentation at the BAAL conference

Within 3 months of completion 1,000-word report and one additional output

**Applied Linguistics Fund Application Form**

Please complete the following, attach the lead applicant’s CV, a budget and any other supporting documentation, and send as one pdf to: funding@baal.org.uk.

Please note that the application should be no more than 2,000 words, excluding CV, budget and any other supporting documentation.

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| Title of project |  |
| Lead applicant |  |
| BAAL membership number |  |
| Lead applicant’s institution |  |
| Indicate here if the lead applicant is a student (please include a letter of support from the supervisor in an Appendix) |  |
| Co-applicant(s) and their institutions, if applicable |  |
| Amount requested |  |
| Funds from alternative sources applied for/received. Specify amount. |  |
| Description of project |  |
| Relevance and significance to user group (please include any evidence of support from users, such as a letter(s)/email(s), in an Appendix) |  |
| Outcome and outputs |  |
| Timeline of activities |  |
| Additional comments |  |
| Word count (excluding CV, budget and any other supporting documentation) |  |