

Christopher Brumfit PhD/Ed.D. Thesis Award 2015

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Aim

To recognize doctoral thesis research that makes a significant and original contribution to the field of SLA and/or foreign/second language teaching and learning.

Award

- Cambridge University Press books to the value of £500

Eligibility

To be considered for the award:

- The candidate's institution must have accepted the thesis for the PhD/Ed.D. conferment no more than two years before the date of the award application.
- The research must have been completed as part of the requirements for a doctoral degree or its equivalent at a university.
- Although the thesis under consideration must be in English, the research may be related to work concerning any second language.
- Candidates should not have applied for the award on a previous occasion

Application Process

In the first instance, applicants must submit the following:

- **Two files:** One MS WORD file containing a summary of the thesis, not to exceed 17 double-spaced pages including references, font size 12, and a separate MS WORD file containing a 150-word abstract of the thesis, with the title of thesis at the top of the abstract. Both files should be clearly labelled with the candidate's name. The maximum size of any file sent should not exceed 2 Mb.

Preparing your summary

Care should be taken in drafting the summary so that the referees are provided with as detailed a report as possible on the work undertaken. Candidates should prepare the text for an audience that may not be expert in all the specific concepts or methods used in your specialist topic area.

The summary should include a brief description of the theoretical background of the research and (where appropriate) specify the research questions, the research methods (including data analyses) used and why these were chosen, the results, and implications

of these outcomes. Examiners will pay particular attention to: whether the study makes a significant and original contribution to knowledge and understanding of the field concerned; whether the problem tackled emerges naturally and clearly from the review of the theoretical background of the research; whether the method is presented in sufficient detail and with enough explanation as to why the methods used were chosen; whether the analytic methods used are justified and shown to be sufficient for the task and if these are clearly linked to the explicit hypotheses, predictions, or questions which formed part of the stated research problem; whether the discussion and/or conclusion evaluates the project's contribution to the local and wider field of research; finally, whether there is a clear and significant contribution to the field of SLA and/or FL teaching and learning.

- Proof of the award of the degree by the candidate's university. This can be a scanned copy in pdf form of the degree certificate or a scanned official letter/transcript from the university in question stating clearly the date of conferment of the degree.

Only electronic applications are accepted.

Evaluation Criteria

- Scholarly or professional significance to the field of second or foreign language
- Originality and creativity
- Quality of presentation

Dates

30th November 2015 – Deadline for receipt of summary and abstract and official proof of thesis acceptance

20th February 2016 – Feedback given to all candidates and call for electronic submission of theses of short-listed candidates

3rd March 2016 – Deadline for receipt of theses

1st August 2016 – Announcement of award winner by the Editorial Board of *Language Teaching*

Contact details for application and further information

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