



Biennial Award for an Outstanding Thesis on Literacy

The Literacy Association of Ireland invites graduate students from **Education, Special Education, Psychology and related disciplines** to apply for LAI's 9th biennial award for an outstanding Master's thesis.

Award: LAI Medal & €500

This award is open to those who have submitted **OR** who plan to submit a Master's thesis in the area of literacy between: **1st September, 2020 and 30th June, 2022**. Applications may include: Master's by Research only *or* Master's with minor thesis (12,000 words minimum to 20,000 words maximum). Research must have been conducted in Ireland (Republic/N.I).

Shortlisting will take place (according to criteria below) and finalists will make a short presentation (15-20 mins) of their research at the Literacy Association of Ireland Symposium to be held on **November 12th**, 2022 at Marino Institute of Education.

Applicants must submit the **following by September 1st 2022 via Google Form link on the LAI website:**

- Author's name, contact details and thesis title
- **Attach two PDF copies of a 3,000-word summary** of the thesis. One of the PDFs must be blinded (PDF should not include any identifying details: e.g. your name/supervisor/institution; ensure the title of the thesis summary is on the first page). The second PDF should include title, author name and academic institution
- **Attach a note from the Supervisor** of the thesis supporting the submission

Thesis summaries will be evaluated by an independent external panel convened by the Literacy Association of Ireland according to criteria which will include: (a) relevance and significance of the research question(s); (b) Quality of theoretical/conceptual rationale; (c) Appropriateness of research design; (d) Significance of the research findings/contribution to the field; (e) Clarity of writing and organisation of summary (f) Breadth of references. In addition, the communicative clarity of the presentation at the conference will be considered. Shortlisted finalists will be notified by **September 30th**. Shortlisted finalists will present their research at the symposium. If two or more theses are deemed by the judges to be of equal quality, the award may be shared. The winner(s) will be presented with the award (s) at the end of the LAI conference.

Applicants must be current members of LAI
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