



## CALL FOR PAPERS – 20<sup>TH</sup> MWALT CONFERENCE

*Ready, Steady, Grow! Measuring Language Development from Pre-K through College and Beyond*

September 21–22, 2018

WIDA, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Madison, WI

The 20<sup>th</sup> MwALT Conference will take place on September 21–22 at WIDA, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

This year's conference theme is "Ready, Steady, Grow! Measuring Language Development from pre-K through College and Beyond." While we welcome abstracts on any language testing related topic, we would particularly appreciate abstracts that are situated in the pre-K–12 context and address assessment related issues of language development for children and youth who are culturally and linguistically diverse. Potential topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Assessment of academic language development of culturally and linguistically diverse students
- Assessment of academic language skills that are critical for success in the pre-K–12 context
- Assessment policies that states, districts, and schools may promote to support the development of academic language proficiency
- Relationships between academic language proficiency and academic achievement
- Growth trajectories for academic language development
- Pedagogic practices and classroom based assessments that support students' academic language development

### TYPES OF PRESENTATIONS:

1. Papers: Presentations on theoretically-oriented subjects or completed research. Papers related to the conference theme or any area of language testing and assessment are welcome. The presenter will have 20 minutes to present, followed by 10 minutes for questions or comments.
2. Posters: Posters on theoretical issues, completed research, or innovative practices related to language testing and assessment. Posters may include work-in-progress research. Poster presenters will host their posters and discuss their research with conference participants.

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:** In order to be considered, abstracts for papers or posters must be received by Friday, April 13, 2018. Notification decisions will be sent in late May, 2018.

### GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING ABSTRACTS:

All submissions must be submitted electronically via the following link as an MS Word or PDF file:

<http://linguistlist.org/easyabs/mwalt2018>.

Abstracts should be no longer than 300 words for papers or posters. They should clearly indicate the research purpose, methods, and results. Also, abstracts should NOT include any personal information. Abstracts including personal information may not be considered for review.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions, contact the MwALT 2018 Organizing Committee at [mwalt2018@wcer.wisc.edu](mailto:mwalt2018@wcer.wisc.edu).