![duolingo english test]

Dissertation Research Awards in Language Assessment

The Duolingo Dissertation Awards Program supports dissertation research by doctoral candidates specializing in language assessment. The awards program is open to doctoral candidates worldwide; previous winners of this award who have not yet completed their dissertation are eligible to apply. Each winner will be awarded $5,000.

TOPICS OF INTEREST
In conjunction with language assessment, preferred topics of interest include computer adaptive testing, natural language processing, automated scoring of writing and speaking, measurement and psychometrics, accommodations, and innovative item types; other topics are also welcome. The proposed research need not be related to the Duolingo English Test.

ELIGIBILITY
Applicants must:
- be currently registered for a PhD or equivalent degree
- have completed all coursework
- have an approved dissertation proposal in language assessment

MATERIALS TO SUBMIT
- **Contact information** (name, affiliation, phone, email address, and mailing address)
- A **summary** of the proposed dissertation research (not more than 1500 words, including references, single-spaced). The summary must include an introduction, literature review, research questions and methodology, and implications of potential findings. APA style is preferred.
- An **official recommendation letter** from the applicant's supervisor, sent directly to englishtest-research@duolingo.com, in support of the application and confirming the approval of the dissertation research at the university.

TIMELINE
Applications are due by **Friday, October 1, 2021 at 11:59 PM EST**. Award notifications will be sent out by the end of the year; payments will be processed in January 2022.

HOW TO APPLY
- **Applicants**: Submit your application via Google form. Accepted file types for the dissertation summary are .pdf and .docx.
- **Supervisors**: Email your letter of recommendation as an attachment to englishtest-research@duolingo.com with the subject line "[applicant's last name] Dissertation Award Recommendation." The letter of recommendation must come directly from the supervisor.

INQUIRIES
For questions about the application process or the award, please contact englishtest-research+faq@duolingo.com. Responses to general questions are posted on the Duolingo English Test FAQ page.