

**Call for Proposals: The 2027 Annual Conference of  
the Chinese Language Teachers Association, USA  
(Notice No. 1, 5/26/2026)**



**The Chinese Language Teachers Association - USA (CLTA-USA)** plans to hold its **2027 Annual Conference** (a fully in-person conference) from May 21 to May 24 at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa. The annual conference aims to provide a platform for Chinese teachers, scholars, graduate students, and school administrators to share cutting-edge research findings of Chinese language acquisition, pedagogy, assessment, and/or instructional technology, as well as exchange teaching experience. In addition, the conference committee will organize workshops, colloquia, forums, and networking meals during the annual conference. We sincerely invite colleagues worldwide (including non-CLTA-USA members) to participate in the 2027 annual conference to exchange experiences and engage in meaningful discussions.

**Proposal Submission Deadline:** September 20, 2026, 11:59 pm (EST)

**Proposal Submission Website:** TBA soon

**Proposal Submission Policies:**

- Submissions are welcome from both CLTA members and non-members, and from scholars based inside and outside the United States. Graduate students are also welcome to submit. While CLTA membership status is optional to submit your proposal, you must maintain your active CLTA membership from the time of registration to the time of presentation at the CLTA annual conference.
- Proposals, written in either English or Chinese, are acceptable.

- Submissions should fall into one of the three categories and be clearly labeled (i.e., individual papers, panels, roundtable discussions; see below for more detailed descriptions).
- Each individual can submit only ONE proposal as a single or first author, across all three proposal types. The same individual may be listed as a co-author in a second proposal, appearing in a maximum of two proposals.
- If one proposal has multiple authors/presenters, information of all authors/presenters should be included during the proposal submission.

### **Proposal Types:**

CLTA 2027 accepts three types of proposals: individual papers, panels, and roundtable discussions. Please select the appropriate category when submitting your proposal online. Additional requirements for proposal submission are as follows:

1. **Individual Papers.** This category is for proposals to present empirical research findings or innovative teaching practices. Each paper is allotted 10 minutes for presentation. The proposal should include (1) an abstract that does not exceed 300 English words or 450 Chinese characters, and (2) a summary that does not exceed 50 English words or 75 Chinese characters. At the conference, individual papers that share a related topic will be grouped into sessions. Each session has three or four presentations and then one 5-minute Q&A.
2. **Panels.** This category is for a 50-minute panel comprising three or four presentations on a common theme. The presentations can be related to empirical studies or explore issues on theory and practice. Each panel must have a lead presenter responsible for submitting the panel proposal. The proposal must include (1) an overarching title for the panel and titles of individual presentations, (2) an abstract that does not exceed 500 English words or 750 Chinese characters, and (3) a summary that does not exceed 80 English words or 120 Chinese characters.
3. **Roundtable Discussions.** Roundtable discussions provide opportunities for informal and in-depth discussions between presenters and attendees on a specific topic. They are particularly well suited for research-in-progress or teaching projects that seek collaborators or feedback. The proposal should include (1) an abstract that does not exceed 250 English words or 300 Chinese characters (note the abstract shall specify what the presenter seeks from the audience), and (2) a summary that does not exceed 50 English words or 75 Chinese characters.

Each roundtable session is scheduled for 50 minutes, during which three presenters present or demonstrate their work consecutively for 10 minutes each around a table. The remaining 20 minutes are used for the three presenters and the attendees to engage in a group discussion.

### **Proposal Review and Notification of Results:**

- Each proposal will be reviewed anonymously by several invited experts/peer reviewers.
- Notification of proposal acceptance/refusal will be sent out by e-mail around mid November, 2026. Please make sure your email address is correct during the proposal submission, and that each of your co-presenters register on the Submission Website so they can receive emails from the conference committee.

### **Registration Upon Acceptance Policies:**

- If your proposal is accepted, you will be asked to register for the conference to confirm your acceptance into the program. Failure to register will result in the proposal acceptance being rescinded. Note that the registration fee for non-members includes a one-year membership.
- For each accepted multi-authored presentation, all authors must register. Failure to register will result in the proposal acceptance being rescinded.
- More details on registration will be provided in later communication.

### **Conference Website and Contact Information**

- Conference website: TBA soon.
- All inquiries about the annual meeting should be sent to: [AnnualMeetingCLTA@gmail.com](mailto:AnnualMeetingCLTA@gmail.com). Title of the email should include “CLTA 2027 Annual Conference”.
- All K-12 educators who register for the conference and need a PDP certificate, please email the CLTA Headquarters at [hq@clta-us.org](mailto:hq@clta-us.org).

### **Awards and Their Applications:**

CLTA offers the following awards to its members. All awards will be presented at the annual conference award ceremony.

- Jiede Empirical Research Grant
- Action Research Award
- Tao-chung Ted Yao Memorial Award
- Shou-hsin Teng Pedagogical Innovation Prize
- BLCUP Award for Innovative Excellence in the Teaching of Chinese as a Foreign Language
- Cheng & Tsui Professional Development Grant for Teachers of Chinese
- BLCUP Award for K-12 Professional Development

For detailed information regarding eligibility, procedures, and deadlines, please visit: <http://clta-us.org/awards/>.

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We look forward to seeing you at the 2027 Annual Conference of CLTA-USA!

#### **Conference Committee**

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