

The 2027 Annual Conference of the Chinese Language Teachers Association (CLTA-USA) and the 39th North American Conference on Chinese Linguistics (NACCL-39)

Second Call for Proposals

September 7th, 2026



The 2027 Annual Conference of the Chinese Language Teachers Association - USA (CLTA-USA) will be held in conjunction with **the 39th North American Conference on Chinese Linguistics (NACCL-39)** at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa from May 21 to May 23. The joint conference aims to provide a platform for Chinese language teachers, scholars, linguists, practitioners, and graduate students to share cutting-edge research findings in Chinese language teaching/learning and Chinese linguistics (i.e., phonetics and phonology, syntax, semantics, language acquisition, sociolinguistics, psycholinguistics, neurolinguistics, and computational linguistics), as well as to exchange teaching experience in Chinese language, culture, and linguistics. In addition, the conference committee will organize a range of workshops, colloquia, forums, and networking events throughout the joint conference. We sincerely invite colleagues from around the world to participate in the 2027 CLTA-NACCL Joint Conference, where we can exchange experiences, share insights, and engage in meaningful and productive discussions.

Proposal Submission Deadline (extended): October 15, 2026, 11:59 pm (EST)

- **Proposal Submission Website:** <https://cmt3.research.microsoft.com/CLTA2027>

Proposal Submission Policies:

- Submissions are welcome from both CLTA members and non-members, and from all around the world. Graduate students are also welcome to submit. *Note that CLTA members and non-members will pay different registration fees.*
- 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:

2027 CLTA-NACCL joint conference 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 and theoretical 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 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/rejection will be sent out via e-mail by the end of 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. Non-CLTA members are welcome to become CLTA members in order to pay the lower registration fee.
- 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: <https://cmt3.research.microsoft.com/CLTA2027>
- All inquiries about the annual meeting should be sent to: AnnualMeetingCLTA@gmail.com. Title of the email should include “CLTA-NACCL 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.

Awards and Their Applications:

CLTA offers the following awards to its CLTA members (must be CLTA members from the time of application to conference start). 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
- CLTA First-Time Presenter Award (newly added. More to come)
- CLTA K-12 Annual Conference Stipend Award (newly added. More to come)

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

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

2027 CLTA-NACCL Joint Conference Committee

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