School of Linguistics and Language Studies  
TA Award of Excellence (2021-2022)

About the Award:
- Three awards are offered annually
- Each winner of the SLALS TA Excellence Award will receive:
  - A letter of recognition
  - A $100 cash prize

Nomination Process

Who is eligible?
- TAs who have been assigned in the School of Linguistics and Language Studies in the summer 2021, fall 2021 and/or winter 2022 (SLALS assignments include ALDS, CCDP, ESLA, LING, Modern Languages).
- TAs who are ALDS or LING graduate students but TA for other units (such as Writing Services).

Who should submit the nomination form/package?
- Nominations are welcomed from faculty, instructors and students.
- TAs may nominate themselves for the award but self-nominations that have meaningful support from faculty, contract instructors, or students in the course will be given more weight.
- Support from both students and faculty is preferred.
- We encourage nominators to provide as much detail as possible to show the ways in which the TA excels in the criteria listed below. Submissions that provide meaningful support will be weighted more significantly than non-specific compliments.
- Teaching materials can be included but should include a brief description of the context.

Where and when to submit?
- Nominators are asked to complete the digital 2021-22 Outstanding TA Award form available through the TLS website and attach any additional documentation using this online form.
- Deadline to submit is March 28, 2022

Selection Process

- The selection committee includes the SLALS Director, Graduate Studies Supervisors (ALDS, LING), Assistant Directors (ALDS, LING, Modern Languages), Program Coordinators (CCDP, ESLA).
- The selection committee will choose the award recipients based on the following criteria where applicable:
  - Nominators – TAs nominated by both faculty and students; multiple nominator signatures
  - Teaching skills – excellence in guest lectures, tutorials, discussion groups, office hours
  - Grading – consistent, fair, equitable, helpful feedback
  - Communication – responsive, supportive, clear, concise and timely with faculty and students
  - Learning environment – creating a supportive, inclusive and respectful environment
  - Other – anything not addressed above that exemplifies TA excellence
- Winner(s) will be informed in late April/early May 2022.