

2018 Founders' Emergent Scholars Award

This award is intended to promote critical language scholarship and to recognize and advance the academic work of emergent scholars who have completed their doctoral dissertations within the past **five** years and are entering into the community of scholars. It honors the efforts of the founding members of the International Society for Language Studies (ISLS) who established the first international society dedicated to critical scholarship in language studies. *In particular, it recognizes research that addresses neglected populations, focuses on little-studied research sites, offers new perspectives, and/or uses innovative methods.* The award is granted once a year. Previous applicants are welcome to reapply. We encourage all applicants to join ISLS, but membership is not required for nomination. The winner is expected to become an ISLS member.

The award includes an opportunity to publish an article in the society's journal, *Critical Inquiry in Language Studies (CILS)* or in their *Readings in Language Studies* book series. The awardee will be recognized at the society's biennial conference and will have a portion of their travel expenses (up to \$1000) to the conference covered and their registration fee waived. The next biennial conference will take place in Hong Kong from June 20-22, 2019. The awardee will also be asked to write a blurb post-conference in order to advertise ISLS and the award in future years.

The application for the Founders' Emergent Scholars Award is **due June 15th, 2018**, and consists of:

- 1) An abstract, up to 500 words, of the article or chapter the applicant would like to submit for consideration for publication. Send as a PDF and label as follows: applicant's first initial_surname_Abstract (example: R_Smith_Abstract.)
- 2) An essay, up to 500 words, describing how the applicant's scholarship contributes to the mission of ISLS; Send as a PDF and follow same format as above (Example: R_Smith_Essay).
- 3) The applicant's Curriculum Vitae; Send as a PDF and follow same format as above (example: R_Smith_CV).
- 4) Two letters of recommendation from scholars who can speak to the quality and promise of the applicant's scholarship; The letters should be addressed to the Selection Committee.

All application files and reference letters should be sent to Jennifer Wooten at jennifer@isls.co. The winner will be selected by the FESA Selection Committee and will be notified by August 1, 2018. The announcement will also be posted on the ISLS website. Once the award winner has been notified, she/he will have three months to submit the completed article or chapter. The manuscript will be peer reviewed and additional mentoring towards publication will be provided by ISLS as needed. When the publication appears in print, the author's status as a Founders' Emergent Scholars Award winner will be noted. The submission will conform to the publication guidelines for *CILS* or that of the book series (see http://www.isls.co/book_series.php). Award information can also be found at <http://www.isls.co/FESA.php>. The winner is also expected to submit a proposal to the ISLS 2019 conference in Hong Kong by November 30th, 2018. The submission system will open in June, 2018, on the ISLS conference page (<http://www.isls.co/conference.php>).

Selection Criteria: The application

- Clearly positions the study with respect to theory, existing literature, and methodology and analysis.
- Strongly suggests that the study will contribute something new and important to the field of critical research.
- Recognizes research that addresses neglected populations, focuses on little-studied research sites, offers new perspectives, and/or uses innovative methods
- Is well written and evokes confidence that the author will produce an exemplary, publishable paper.
- Clearly demonstrates that the authors' research program aligns with the concerns of ISLS by a) offering a critical perspective on language within historical, political, social and/or cultural contexts and b) exploring the relationships among language, power, discourses, and social practices.