

Call for submissions to the 12th Greenberg Award

The 12th Joseph Greenberg Award recognizes an outstanding piece of typological research in doctoral dissertation or equivalent in an award period. It is named after Joseph Greenberg (1915-2001) to remember his fundamental contributions to typology and his encouragement of young researchers. The award was formerly known as the ALT JUNIOR AWARD (1998-2006).

Theses are eligible for the award are those that have been accepted by a university (i.e., passed, defended, or accepted, not just submitted) between 1st of January 2024 to 31st of December 2025. The award will consist of payment of travel, per diem expenses and the registration fee to attend the 16th Biennial Conference of the Association for Linguistic Typology, to be held in Lyon, France. The award recipient will also have the opportunity to give a plenary at ALT16 providing a synopsis of their dissertation.

To be eligible for the award those submitting their dissertations must be members of the Association for Linguistic Typology (ALT) at the time of submission. Please use the form here to become a member.

Submission instructions

Please send your manuscript by email in pdf format, with all non-standard fonts in Unicode, embedded in the pdf file. The email should be addressed to the Chair of the Jury, Uta Reinöhl, and also to the ALT Conference Secretary, Ljuba Veselinova, to create a backup copy of your submission.

Addresses to use

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Deadline: January 31, 2026

If there are any technical issues, the candidate is asked to discuss the problem with the Chair. A jury, consisting of about ten members suitable for evaluating the work submitted, will be appointed by the Chair.

Past Award Winners are presented here:

https://linguistic-typology.org/greenberg-award/

Chair of the 12th Joseph Greenberg Award

Uta Reinöhl, Universität Freiburg, Germany https://uni-freiburg.de/linguistics/prof-dr-uta-reinoehl/