



Applied Linguistics in Aotearoa New Zealand

Ko te rōpū rapu reo o Aotearoa: Kua kī te kete, he nui ngā hua

2nd Writing SIG Symposium Call for Proposals

Following the success of the 1st Writing SIG Symposium, we invite abstracts for presentations at the 2nd ALANZ Writing SIG symposium. The conference will be held in person at:

**Te Kunenga ki Pūrehuroa – Massey University’s Manawatū Campus
Friday 29 August, 2025 – 9.00am to 5.00pm.**

Writing studies is a diverse and heterogenous discipline, just like our SIG. In an effort to strengthen the relationship among our many constituents, this year’s conference will focus on collaboration, community-building and capacity-building.

Rather than traditional research presentations, we plan to engage in a constellation of “roundtables” with short (<5 minute) “en-lightning” talks that prompt further dialogue among both presenters and participants. We plan to facilitate movement among tables to allow for participants with multiple interests to network. The goal is to identify points of overlapping interest among participants that can build our collective research and teaching capacity while also laying the foundation for future collaborative projects.

One such future project is a special issue of *Advancing Scholarship and Research in Higher Education*. Another future project could involve submitting papers to *New Zealand Studies in Applied Linguistics*. Or exchanging syllabi and AI pedagogies. We will explain more about these opportunities at the conference.

Topics for en-lightning talks are welcome on any aspect of writing studies, including but not limited to the analysis of written text, writing pedagogies, writing processes, AI literacies, online writing instruction, linguistics, applied linguistics, rhetorical criticism, digital rhetorics, critical analysis, empirical studies, theoretical inquiries, assessment practices, teaching activities, EdTech resistance and more.

En-lightning Talks

The 5-minute en-lightning talks will be organized in two groups: Research and Teaching. Feel free to propose one Research talk or one Teaching talk or one of each.

You can plan your en-lightning talk like an abbreviated version of a traditional research presentation, or you can think more capaciously and organize it as a provocation, a manifesto, etc. The format is flexible; make the most of it. (Note: given the presentation format, presentation software will not be available. Instead, a one-page handout or small poster could be shared with participants, but this is not a requirement.)

Accepted en-lightning talks will be grouped according to related themes. For instance, we anticipate having both a research group and a teaching group on the theme of “AI,” which is a topic that has wide relevance to our collective teaching experiences and also holds promise for future collaborative research.

Only one presenter is allowed per en-lightning talk. If you are working collaboratively on a research or teaching project, we encourage each collaborator to submit an en-lightning talk to discuss different aspects of the project.

Submitting your Proposal

To propose a Research or Teaching en-lightning talk, create a document with the following information:

- Name, email, institution
- State whether it’s a Research or Teaching talk
- One overarching question that can also function as your title
- 150 words (maximum) of context for your overarching question

If you apply for both a Research and a Teaching lightning talk, please submit each talk (with an overarching question and 150 words of context) into separate documents for review.

Planned Timeline

- **Proposal Submission:** Send your proposal as an attachment (Word Doc or PDF) by email to: alanzwritingsig@gmail.com by **11:59pm on Sunday 1 June 2025.**
- **Notification of acceptance:** No later than **Wednesday 4 July 2025**
- **Registration for presenters:** Closes on **Friday 1 August 2025**
- **Registration for attendees:** Closes on **Friday 22 August 2025**

Registration Process

Links to Register for the event will be shared in July following notification of acceptance.

We have secured registration funding for ALANZ members who are presenting at the symposium as well as for non-ALANZ presenters (via Massey’s School of Humanities, Media and Creative Communication).

Registration costs are as follows:

	ALANZ members (on 31st January 2025)	Non-ALANZ members (on 31st January 2025)
First presenter	Free (ALANZ supported)	Free (Massey supported)
Attendees	NZ\$50	NZ\$50

For further information please e-mail the symposium Convenor: A.J.Feekery@massey.ac.nz