

J-SLA 2020 Call for Papers

Dates: August 21-23, 2020

Venue: Azarea (Shizuoka Prefecture Gender Equality Center), 1-17-1 Mabuchi, Suruga-ku, Shizuoka 422-8063 Japan (<https://www.azarea-navi.jp/shisetsu/access/>)

Invited Speaker: Lydia White (McGill University), Robert M. DeKeyser (University of Maryland)

J-SLA 2020 (20th Annual Conference of the Japan Second Language Association) invites applications for the following three types of research presentations:

oral presentations,
poster presentations, and
oral presentations at the Student Workshop (see 11 below).

If you are to apply, please follow the guidelines below. We look forward to your submissions.

1. Membership Requirement

- a. All presenters must be members of J-SLA at the time of the conference (presenters at the Student Workshop must be student members); it is not necessary for co-presenters to be members.
- b. Information on joining J-SLA can be found at the following website:
<http://www.j-sla.org/en/inquiry/> (Membership Registration)

2. Academic areas

Abstracts are invited for oral or poster presentations on any theoretical or empirical area of research in second language acquisition (SLA). For more information, refer to "J-SLA Vision Statement" on our website (<http://www.j-sla.org/en/about/purpose/>).

3. How to apply

Apply by submitting your abstract via email (for more detailed procedure, see 9 below). Write "J-SLA 2020 abstract" in the subject line of your email and send it to:
j-sla2020abstract@j-sla.org (Akihiro Kano)

Be sure to submit the following two files as email attachment.

- (1) A Word file containing your abstract
- (2) A PDF containing your abstract

Follow the Abstract submission procedure below (see 9) when creating these two files. If one of these files is not submitted, the evaluation of your proposal may be delayed.

4. Deadline for receipt of abstracts: February 28, 2020, 11:59pm (Japan Standard Time)

5. Confirmation of receipt

Within two days of your submission, you will be notified via email that your submission has been received by the J-SLA review committee. If you do not receive that confirmation email, please contact the committee through the above address immediately; your original email may have gone into the junk mail folder mistakenly.

6. Notification of acceptance: Around the end of March 2020

7. Duration of oral presentations

Oral presentation of papers will be allotted 30 minutes (20 minutes for presentation, followed by 10 minutes for discussion).

8. Language of presentation: Either English or Japanese

9. Abstract submission procedure

All applicants must follow this procedure to avoid any delay in the evaluation of their proposals.

(1) Submissions for oral and poster presentations should be formatted in 10.5 pt Times or Times New Roman in English or 10.5 pt MS Mincho in Japanese.

(2) The language of the abstract must be the same as the language of the presentation.

(3) The length of the abstract should not exceed 1,000 words in English or 1,600 characters in Japanese. The title, figures, tables and references are not counted as part of the word limit. The total length of the abstract (including the title, figures, tables and references) should not exceed two A4 pages.

(4) Include a title at the top of the abstract.

(5) Do not put name(s) of author(s) on abstracts, as they will be sent out for blind review. In addition, be sure to anonymize your PDF file by clicking on "File," then "Properties," removing your name if it appears in the "Author" line, and resaving before sending it. (The procedure may vary depending on the version of PDF)

(6) Include a word count (if written in English) or the number of characters (if written in Japanese) at the bottom of the abstract.

(7) Please include the following in the body of the email:

1. name

2. affiliation (in English)
3. postal address (including country)
4. telephone number (including country code)
5. email address
6. language to be used for presentation (English or Japanese)
7. type of presentation (choose one from A – D)
 - A: prefer an oral presentation only
 - B: prefer a poster presentation only
 - C: prefer an oral presentation, but if not selected, willing to make a poster presentation
 - D: Student Workshop (write “Prefer an oral presentation at Student Workshop” at the upper right corner of your abstract)

10. Notes

- (1) Submission of an abstract for presentation is taken to imply that it has been neither previously presented nor published elsewhere.
- (2) No substitute presenters will be allowed.
- (3) Authors may submit only one abstract for consideration as a paper for oral presentation. This limit holds for all authors regardless of their status as primary or secondary author. Additional submissions for the Student Workshop or for poster presentations are permitted as long as the contents of each submission are not the same.
- (4) Regrettably, no financial support for transportation and accommodation will be offered.

11. A Student Workshop will be held in the morning of the first or second day of the conference. We plan to schedule parallel sessions to accommodate as many presentations as possible. The time allotted for each presentation is 20 minutes, with an additional 10 minutes for discussion. At least one expert in the area will attend each session to promote discussion and to provide advice. Presenters should be student members of J-SLA. Work-in-progress is welcome.

For inquiry and more information, please contact Shigenori Wakabayashi (J-SLA Secretariat) at j-sla2020@j-sla.org.