

Information on TDK research at the Department of English Applied Linguistics

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What is the TDK/OTDK?

The OTDK is the most prestigious organization involved in student research in Hungary. The conferences are organized biannually; but local TDK events are held every semester where students can qualify for the OTDK.

When is the next OTDK event?

The next national OTDK event will probably be held in April 2025, with a qualification deadline in December 2024 - January 2025.

When is the next local TDK event?

The next local TDK event for papers in Applied Linguistics topics will be held on **8 April 2024, 16.00** (Spring Term) and **8 November 2024, 16.00** (Fall Term).

What do I have to do to qualify?

First, you have to come up with a topic or research question that interests you. Second, you have to contact a supervisor for your TDK research. You can find the research fields of the applied linguistics tutors [here](#). Then, it's time to do the study itself, write it up, and enter your paper in the local TDK round.

How do I apply for the local TDK?

Just send an e-mail to Ádám Lajtai (lajtai.adam@btk.elte.hu), the coordinator of TDK at DEAL.

What happens at the OTDK event?

All contestants' research is evaluated twice. First, after the local TDK, your entered paper will be double peer reviewed and given a score. If it is above a given threshold, then you will be invited to present your paper at the biannual OTDK conference, for which you will also receive a score.

Are there different conferences and competitions for different subjects?

Yes, there are 16 different sections you can qualify in. You do not have to be specifically studying the discipline listed in the sections as long as you are producing valid, high-quality research.

What OTDK sections are relevant for applied linguistics research?

- **Human Sciences section (Human Tudományok)** for linguistics/language-based research
- **Learning and Teaching Methodology – Knowledge Technology section** for English language teaching/learning specific research
- **Pedagogy, Psychology, Andragogy and Library Science section** - for general (not subject-specific) pedagogy and psychology in applied linguistics

Do I have to write it alone?

No, papers written by two or more co-authors may also qualify for the OTDK.

Can it be the same paper as my thesis?

The research itself can be; however, the OTDK regulations state that they cannot be the same paper and there must be a given amount of difference between the two.

Who should I turn to if I have questions?

If you have questions about doing Applied Linguistics TDK research, contact Ádám Lajtai (lajtai.adam@btk.elte.hu).