



## ALT 2007 Learning Technologist of the Year Award

The Association for Learning Technology (ALT) is delighted to be organising and presenting the inaugural **Learning Technologist of the Year Award**.

The Award is open to individual members of ALT and to individuals and teams based in ALT member organisations<sup>1</sup> worldwide.

The Award's overall purpose is to *celebrate and reward excellent practice and outstanding achievement in the learning technology field*<sup>2</sup>.

The award will be judged by a panel chaired by Gilly Salmon, Professor of E-learning & Learning Technologies at the University of Leicester, and presented in Nottingham at the ALT conference on 5 September 2007, by Dr Peter Norvig, Director of Research at Google.

Prizes will be as follows: 1st prize £1000; 2nd prize £600; 3rd prize £300. (ALT reserves the right only to award one prize, or none. The judging panel's decisions will be final.)

The closing date for applications is **20 June 2007**. Short-listed applicants will be interviewed (in person, by phone, or using web-conferencing) on **19 or 20 July 2007**, and will be informed of this, if required for interview, by email on **29 June 2007**.

Applications will be judged (from the application, and, if short-listed, at interview) on the basis of evidence summarised against in the following 4 areas:

**A.** *A clear description of the actions and roles taken to develop and support the achievement. Individual applications should indicate any substantial involvement of others in the achievement. Team applications should indicate who actually did what.*

**B.** *Clear, credible, statement of individual or team approach to the technological, and/or methodological, and/or managerial, and/or pedagogic choices made by the applicant (individual or team), during the period covered by the application*<sup>3</sup>.

**C.** *Major and beneficial impact on practices within the applicant's or team's organisation, or community, or sphere of influence.*

**D.** *Outstanding overall contribution in managing, researching, supporting or enabling learning with the use of learning technology.*

Applicants will have 200 words in which to summarise why the applicant (individual or team) should win the award, and a maximum of 400 words per area (including URLs - a URL will count as one word) in which to provide evidence against the 4 areas listed above.

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<sup>1</sup> ALT member organisations are listed at [http://www.alt.ac.uk/corporate\\_members.php](http://www.alt.ac.uk/corporate_members.php)

<sup>2</sup> ALT defines learning technology as the broad range of communication, information and related technologies that can be used to support learning, teaching, and assessment. Learning technologists (irrespective of job title) are people who are actively involved in managing, researching, supporting or enabling learning with the use of learning technology.

<sup>3</sup> Though there is no prescribed period, ALT envisages that typically applications are unlikely to rely on activity that took place more than 3 years ago.

## How to apply

The application form is a simple “.doc” file that you can download from the ALT home page at <http://www.alt.ac.uk/>.

Complete all sections of the form, taking careful account of the stated word limits and any other requirements.

Save the form locally, including your full name (or the name of your team) in the file name. Then email your completed application to [lt2007@alt.ac.uk](mailto:lt2007@alt.ac.uk), to arrive no later 17.00 UK time on 20 June 2007. All applications will be acknowledged, and if you have not received an acknowledgement by 17.00 on 21 June 2007, please follow things up by email to [lt2007@alt.ac.uk](mailto:lt2007@alt.ac.uk).

Answers to all questions about the award that are sent to [lt2007@alt.ac.uk](mailto:lt2007@alt.ac.uk) by 9.00 on 28 May 2007 will be answered in a text file at <http://www.alt.ac.uk/docs/lt2007.txt>. This will be available from 17.00 on 29 May 2007.

In case of difficulty, email [lt2007@alt.ac.uk](mailto:lt2007@alt.ac.uk) and we will do our best to help.