

Company in honor of Ronald Walton's (1943-1996) lifetime dedication to Chinese language education and cross-cultural understanding, is given for overall contributions to the field of Chinese language pedagogy. All members in the community of Chinese language teaching and research, with the exception of current CLTA officers and members of the Board of Directors, are eligible for the award. The CLTA Walton Award consists of a plaque presented at the CLTA Annual Meeting.

To nominate a candidate for the CLTA Walton Award, please submit: 1) a letter of nomination describing the candidate's scholarship, service, leadership, and innovative contributions in the field of Chinese language teaching, 2) a current Curriculum Vitae of the nominated candidate, and 3) two letters of support from other CLTA members addressing the candidate's accomplishments in the categories mentioned in 1).

Nominations for the 2008 CLTA Walton Award should be sent **by May 31, 2008** to:

Professor Chengzhi Chu
Chair of the 2008 CLTA Awards Committee
Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures
University of California
One Shields Avenue
Davis, CA 95616
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The notification of winner will be sent out via email by September 13, 2008. The name of winner will be announced and Award presented at the CLTA/ACTFL 2008 Conference in Orlando, FL. The name of winner will also be reported in the January 2009 CLTA Newsletter, and at the CLTA website.

CHENG & TSUI PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARD FOR TEACHERS OF CHINESE

The Cheng & Tsui Professional Development Award for Teachers of Chinese is designed to enhance the knowledge and skills of teachers of Chinese, especially teachers new to the field. The Award, thanks to the generosity of Cheng & Tsui Company, is given to support the attendance of pre-collegiate (including heritage school) and collegiate teachers at training workshops, seminars, conferences, and other in-service learning experiences at local, national, or international levels; and/or to collaborate with a mentor teacher. Teacher training workshops and seminars attended by the applicant should be focused on Chinese pedagogy and issues of Chinese teaching and learning. The fund has desig-

nated an annual amount of \$1,000 to be divided between at least two teachers each year.

To apply for the Cheng & Tsui Professional Development Award for Teachers of Chinese, please submit (preferably as PDF file attachments via email) 1) an application stating the purpose to which you would put the Award, the amount of subsidy requested, and a proposed budget and 2) a current Curriculum Vitae to:

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The application form is posted at the following CLTA web page for downloading:
<http://clta.osu.edu/awards/chengtsui-awards.htm>. Applicants for this award should have a current CLTA/CLASS membership status. The application deadline is **April 5, 2008**.

The notification of winner(s) will be sent out by email by May 3, 2008. The name(s) of winner(s) will be announced and Award(s) presented at the CLTA/ACTFL 2008 Conference in Orlando, FL. The name(s) of winner(s) will also be reported in the January 2009 CLTA Newsletter, and at the CLTA website.

WALTON PRESENTATION PRIZE

The Walton Presentation Prize (formerly known as the Ron Walton Young Scholar Travel Award), founded by friends and colleagues in 1998, was funded in 2005 by a perpetual endowment from the Cheng & Tsui Company in honor of Ronald Walton's (1943-1996) lifetime dedication to Chinese language education and cross-cultural understanding. This Prize is given to recognize the best first-time presentation at the CLTA Annual Meeting. Preference is given to teachers at the pre-college level and graduate students who have their paper proposals accepted for the annual meeting. The CLTA Walton Presentation Prize carries an award of **\$300**, and an invitation to submit a manuscript based on the presentation, to be considered for publication in the *Journal of the Chinese Language Teachers Association*.

To apply for the Walton Presentation Prize, a CLTA member shall submit her/his conference proposal (the 500-word abstract) as an *individual paper* only by the January 11, 2008 deadline, and **indicate on the pro-**