

SALTA BENEFITS

Some may ask why they should join SALTA when they can belong to the MLA or ACTFL and when our organization is still struggling to shape up and take off. The fact is that no other organization puts at the heart of its mission the goals, concerns and interests of those who teach South Asian languages and literatures, and SALTA is the only professional association dedicated precisely to this field. SALTA is critically important for maintaining our identity as a field focused predominantly on the languages, literatures and cultures of South Asia, and for ensuring the vitality of our field into the future. SALTA works together with South Asia Language Resource Center (SALRC) to help push the agenda of support for research in South Asian languages. SALTA pays dues to the National Council of Less Commonly Taught Languages (NCOLCTL). Your membership in SALTA helps support these causes, too.

Joining **SALTA** now with your membership is your way of saying that the future of South Asian languages in the United States is important to you.

More specifically, those who belong to **SALTA** will:

- Support and receive *SALTA* newsletter reporting news about initiatives, programs, projects, events in our profession;
- Have access to the online annual **SALTA** membership directory;
- Nominate others and are eligible themselves for **SALTA** awards;
- Support SALTA and thus the South Asian languages and literatures field in the United States.

Membership in SALTA is affordable, and the web-based membership form makes it convenient to join.