

**American Academy of Audiology
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Research Grants in Hearing & Balance Program

Vestibular Research Grant – Student Summer Fellowship

(revised August 18, 2009)

Purpose: To expose doctoral students in audiology or hearing science, who are interested in research or wishing to pursue a career in research, to a stimulating research environment, focused on vestibular studies, under the guidance of a mentor. The fellowship period lasts ten to twelve weeks, giving the grant recipient sufficient time in the mentor's lab to participate in ongoing research projects or to contribute substantially to a single project. This grant is not intended to provide funds for clinical practicum experiences or clinical work unless the clinical delivery of services is directly applicable to the research project.

Grant: \$2,500 stipend

Eligibility:

- Graduate students who are currently enrolled in a research doctoral program in audiology or hearing science; OR
- Graduate students who are currently enrolled in an AuD program with plans to pursue a research doctorate degree in audiology or hearing science.
- Must commit to work full time in the mentor's lab for a minimum of ten weeks, uninterrupted (longer placements are certainly encouraged if they can be accommodated by both the grant recipient and the mentor).

Application Process:

Student:

- Identify and discuss the program and your plans with a mentor. The mentor must complete his/her portion of the application.
- Complete the application form (see attached).
- Secure three letters of recommendation from: (1) your mentor; (2) your department chairperson; and (3) your academic advisor.

Student and Mentor:

- Write a brief description of the project including the experiences to be gained by the student (limit to 2 pages)

Mentor:

- Submit a letter of reference that includes the following:
 - 1) Statement of willingness to serve as the student's mentor throughout the project's duration.
 - 2) Reference for the student applicant regarding his/her potential as a researcher.
- Submit a biographical sketch including education and training, previous employment,

experience, honors, ongoing research support and pertinent publications (NIH 2-page format is acceptable)

Department Chair:

- Submit a letter of reference for the student applicant including a statement of assurance that the student qualifies for this program, and his/her commitment to a career in research.

Academic Advisor:

- Submit a letter of reference for the student applicant describing his/her academic achievements, achievements in research and/or potential for excellence in research

Grant recipients are invited to attend AudiologyNOW!® 2010 and are recognized at the Honors & Awards Banquet. Attendance is encouraged although it is not required. (Note: Research grant funds may not be used for travel expenses as specified in Budget Restrictions below).

Send original and 14 copies of the application and all supporting materials to:

American Academy of Audiology
Attn: Research Grants in Hearing & Balance Program
11730 Plaza America Drive, Suite 300
Reston, VA 20190

Deadline: October 5, 2009

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APPLICATION FOR
VESTIBULAR RESEARCH GRANT – STUDENT SUMMER FELLOWSHIP

Project title:

Name of applicant:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Undergraduate institution:

Location:

Field of study:

Date of baccalaureate degree:

Graduate institution:

Location:

Dates attended:

Field of study:

Anticipated date of doctoral degree:

Mentor:

Mentor's address:

Mentor's phone:

Mentor's email:

Beginning and ending dates of the project:

Project description: Describe the research to be conducted including the significance and specific aims of the research project and the role of the student researcher in achieving those goals. (limit to two pages)

Personal statement: Describe your future professional goals. How will this experience contribute to your future goals? (limit to one page)

In signing this application, the student and sponsor agree to provide a progress report at the conclusion of the research project.

Student Applicant _____ Date _____

Research Mentor _____ Date _____

Application Packet Checklist:

Cover Letter

Application Form

Project Description

Personal Statement

Mentor Biographical Sketch

Letter of Reference: Mentor

Letter of Reference: Department Chair

Letter of Reference: Academic Advisor

In the event a grant is made, please note the additional reporting requirements requested by the American Academy of Audiology Foundation (see next two pages).

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Policy for Receipt of Information from Research Grant Recipients

The information described below is requested as a condition of receipt of a Research Grant in Hearing & Balance from the American Academy of Audiology, sponsored by the American Academy of Audiology Foundation. The information will be published as noted in the individual sections that follow. The purpose of requiring and using this information is to demonstrate the quality and value of the research mission of the AAA Foundation which will benefit fundraising efforts. Information will not be published that would compromise an investigator's ability to publish their results in a peer-reviewed scientific journal.

A. Upon receipt of the grant

Submission of the items described below to the AAA Foundation will be required within three months of receiving notification of receipt of an American Academy of Audiology Research Grant in Hearing & Balance.

(1) Identifying information

- Type of Grant
- Title of Project
- Investigator
- Dates of Grant
- Site of Research

(2) Description of the research

In 150-200 words, describe the research project in layperson's terms. This information will be posted on the AAA Foundation Website and should be written in a manner to make it of interest to the general public as well as members of the American Academy of Audiology. It may be of interest to include a comment about the clinical relevance of this research. This information may also be made available through articles in *Audiology Today* and in AAA Foundation exhibits describing research support by the Foundation.

(3) Brief article on the research project

An article of approximately 500 words should provide a summary of the research. This should be scientifically oriented and appropriate for the readership of *Audiology Today*. Information can most likely be taken from the proposal and should include an overview of the research project, pertinent background information, the methods that will be followed in completing the project, why this research is important, and how the results of this research will be of value to field of audiology and/or hearing science.

(4) Photograph(s) related to the research project

Provide a high-quality photograph(s) of the grant recipient and written caption for the photo. An "action shot" related to the topic of the research, with the principal investigator in the photo, is preferred.

B. At the conclusion of the grant period

Within three months of the conclusion of the grant period, the following information should be submitted.

(1) Summary of results

In 150-200 words, describe the results of the research project in layperson's terms. This information will be posted on the AAA Foundation Web site and should be written in a manner to make it of interest to the general public as well as members of the American Academy of Audiology. This paragraph will be a companion follow-up to the layperson's paragraph described in A (2).

(2) Final report

The Research Committee will forward a copy of the final report submitted by the grant recipient to the AAA Foundation Office. The purpose of this is not for publication, but for oversight on research grant fund usage.