



Navy Audiology Externship Information

Are you starting to think about your fourth-year residency? Are hoping to gain experience in adult and pediatric diagnostics, electrophysiology, vestibular evaluation and management, hearing conservation, newborn hearing screening, amplification, and cochlear implants? Are you looking for a position with competitive pay and excellent benefits? Do you wish to serve those who serve? Then consider applying to the Navy for your fourth-year residency.

Contact a medical officer recruiter in your area and start applying the summer before the third year of your Au.D. program. All applications need to be completed and turned in by the end of the fiscal year prior to the start of your residency; if you're planning to begin your residency in the summer or fall of 2015, your completed application should be submitted by September 30, 2014. Applications are accepted after this time-frame; however, your opportunity for selection is greatly enhanced by submitting the application early.

You should be informed of your acceptance or denial in January. If accepted, you will receive orders in the spring indicating whether you will spend your residency in Portsmouth, VA or San Diego, CA. Upon your completion of the residency and your Au.D. program, you will take the Oath of Office and then head to Officer Development School (ODS) in Rhode Island for 33 days. Upon completion of ODS, you'll transfer to your first duty assignment. You are obligated to serve for three years following your residency.

NAVY AUDIOLOGY

As a Navy audiologist with a variety of important responsibilities, you may:

- Serve as the Hearing Conservation Program Manager for Navy or Marine Corps communities
- Perform audiological evaluations on service personnel, their families, and those in need across the globe

- Supervise, lead, or conduct audiological research
- Provide hearing conservation certification for technical personnel so they know exactly how to protect their hearing

Navy audiologists serve both within the continental United States (CONUS) and outside the continental United States (OCONUS). They are always near the water!

BASIC REQUIREMENTS

To qualify for Active Duty employment consideration as an Audiologist in the Navy Medical Service Corps, you must meet these **basic requirements**:

- U.S. citizen currently
- Master's degree in Audiology or Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.) degree
- State licensure
- Board certification through either the American Board of Audiology (ABA) or the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)
- Be willing to serve a minimum of three years of Active Duty
- Be between the ages of 18 and 41
- Be in good physical condition and pass a full medical examination

You may also be expected to meet certain **preferred requirements**:

- Interest in clinical, industrial (occupational) or educational audiology
- Ability to work with a diverse population in a variety of medical setting

AUDIOLOGY RESIDENCY PROGRAM (ARP) REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum GPA of 3.25/4.0
- Letter of Recommendation
- Personal Statement
- Evidence of additional scholarly activity
- Variety of clinical experience
- Be able to meet the 12-month externship requirements plus additional service time afterwards

THE OFFICER PACKAGE WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Government Security Clearance
- Review of past medical history
- Physical completed by a Military Entrance Processing Station(MEPS)
- Two >20 minute interviews with Active Duty Audiology and/or Medical Officers

NAVY BASIC TRAINING

As a Navy Audiologist, you will attend the Officer Development School (ODS) in Newport, RI. The program is 5 weeks long. You will be expected to perform physical training (PT) as well as participate in officer and naval training. To learn more about ODC please visit their website at: <http://www.ocs.navy.mil/ods.asp>

STARTING RANK BASE PAY AND SPECIAL PAY

During your Navy Externship, you will be serving as an E-6/ Petty Officer 1st Class. Base pay for an E-6 in the Navy is \$2,380.80 per month before taxes. Upon finishing your externship you will be promoted to an O-3/ Lieutenant. Base pay for an O-3 in the Navy is \$3,872.90.* You will also receive a monthly housing allowance based upon your location, basic allowance for substance (food), and specialty pay that is dependent on how long you've had your national license. The special pay is typically anywhere from \$166-\$466 per month. Please contact your local recruiter for additional information.

*Base pay current as of January 1, 2014.

POSSIBLE DUTY STATION LOCATIONS

There are currently over 250 medical facilities around the globe that you could be stationed at. Some of these locations and facilities include: Naval Health Clinic Hawaii; U.S. Naval Hospital Guam; National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD; Portsmouth, VA and San Diego, CA. There are also two hospital ships where you could serve as medical support such as the USNS *Comfort* and the USNS *Mercy*.

Typical assignments could be:

- Camp Lejeune, NC
- Norfolk, VA
- Pearl Harbor, HI
- Bremerton, WA
- Pensacola, FL
- Gulfport, MS
- Guam
- Rota, Spain
- Yokosuka, Japan
- Okinawa, Japan
- Iwakuni, Japan
- Naples, Italy

STUDENT LOAN PAYBACK

Navy Health Professions Loan Repayment Program (HPLRP) is a great option for loan repayments. It is designed to reduce or eliminate accrued student loan debt. You must apply annually in order to receive this incentive but know that it is dependent on the funding availability. Please contact your local recruiter to see if you qualify, in the mean time check out the website <http://www.med.navy.mil/sites/navmedmpte/accessions/Pages/LoanRepayment.aspx>

BENEFITS OF ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY SERVICE:

- Medical coverage
- Dental coverage
- Low-cost life insurance (for you and your dependents)
- 30 days of paid vacation earned annually
- 10 federal holidays each year
- Thrift Savings Plan — a flexible, portable retirement savings and investment fund similar to a 401(k)
- Retirement benefits after 20 years of qualifying service
- Training to become a leader among your peers
- Paid continuing education, including clinical specialization courses
- Travel opportunities to include humanitarian missions

HELPFUL WEBSITES

Find a recruiter to start the process of being a U.S. Navy Audiologist.

<http://www.navy.com/locator.html>

More information on becoming a Navy Audiologist.

<http://www.navy.com/navy/careers/healthcare/clinical-care/audiology.html>

Navy reserves website:

<http://www.navyreserve.com/careers/healthcare/clinical-care.html>

Navy Audiology Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/US-Navy-Audiology/167001963309936>

Attend the Joint Defense Veterans Audiology Conference:

<http://militaryaudiology.org/site/2013/10/jdvac-2014-conference/>