

WSHA Foundation Research Award

The WSHA Foundation Research Award supports scientific inquiry that will advance the discipline of communication sciences and disorders. The amount of the award is \$1,000. The award is to be used to support thesis or dissertation research.

Eligibility

Any student majoring in speech-language pathology or audiology at the master's or doctoral level who is enrolled in an ASHA accredited college or university in the State of Wisconsin is eligible. Research conducted as a master's thesis, doctoral dissertation, or independent study research with a faculty mentor is appropriate for this funding mechanism. Funding requests for completed research will not be considered.

Deadline Date for Receipt of Proposals

The completed application **must be received by the WSHA Foundation on or before June 20, 2009**. Incomplete or late applications will be disqualified.

Award Amount

\$1,000

Application Process

The application has 3 parts:

1. A summary of the research plan and an abstract of the proposed research.
2. The student's vita, along with a letter of support and a short curriculum vita from the student's mentor.
3. Approval by the relevant Institutional Review Board (IRB); that is, human subjects review.

Application Format

Abstract

The abstract is limited to 150 words and should detail the significance, hypothesis, methods, and predicted outcomes of the proposed research.

Research Plan

The research plan should not exceed 5 single-spaced pages using 12-point type with 1-inch margins. The plan must include the following information.

1. *Research objectives*. Provide a clear and concise description of the research question(s) addressed.
2. *Background and significance*. Provide a brief summary of the existing research (with citations) relevant to the proposed research, and state clearly how the proposed research is projected to resolve theoretical or clinical issue(s) in speech-language pathology or audiology.
3. *Methods and procedures*. Provide a clear description of the subjects who will participate in the research and how they will be recruited. Give details regarding the procedures to be followed to collect the data,

including the frequency and duration of the testing/therapy sessions and how the data will be reduced for analysis. Describe the facilities and resources available to conduct the proposed research, including space, access to subjects or clinical populations, and sources of expert advice.

4. *Evaluation and data analysis.* Describe the data analysis methods to be used to answer the research questions(s).
5. *Management plan and budget.* Describe the scope, including a timeline of the major activities of the project. Provide a budget and a budget justification.

Review Criteria

Three veteran researchers in speech-language pathology or audiology will complete an independent review of each proposal. These reviewers will use the following scale.

1. *Research objectives.* Research objectives are clearly stated. **(10 points)**
2. *Background and significance.* Significance of the research and its potential impact on clinical needs are relevant to speech-language pathology or audiology. **(20 points)**
3. *Methods and procedures.* Design answers the research question(s). A detailed account of the methodology is given. Space, resources, and access to subject populations to which the applicant will have access in order to conduct the proposed research are included. **(50 points)**
4. *Evaluation and data analysis.* An adequate evaluation of the project's results is provided. **(10 points)**
5. *Management plan and budget.* Project activities and timeline are outlined. A detailed budget and a budget justification are given. **(10 points)**

Total Points: 100

Note: Each proposal should include documentation of IRB approval.

Send 5 copies of the research application to:

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