Student Travel Award Reimbursement (STAR) Program
Guidelines, Eligibility and Conditions

The American Academy of Audiology Foundation's STAR Program offers outstanding graduate students in Audiology (AuD, PhD, AuD/PhD) funding to support their participation in professional meetings that enhance and supplement traditional classroom and clinical educational experiences. Selected students will receive a stipend of up to $500 for conference registration, transportation and/or lodging expenses for meetings in the hearing sciences, as well as other sciences relating to student coursework.

Students who are presenting research are strongly encouraged to apply for STAR funding, as their applications will receive additional consideration. STAR applicants are required to provide a completed application, personal statement, and a letter from university departmental faculty that (1) verify standing in the academic program, and (2) support attendance at the specific conference. Students presenting research should also provide an abstract of their research poster/presentation and a brief statement describing their role in the project.

Students who receive funding through the STAR program are required to provide the Foundation with a post-conference statement (250-500 words) that details the experience and learning outcomes within 30 days following the meeting. The Foundation reserves all rights to use provided statements in donor appeals and other Foundation media. STAR recipients are also encouraged to send photographs (.jpeg version) with their post-conference statements for use on the Foundation Web site and in other media.

Applications will be reviewed twice per year; deadlines are July 1 and January 1. Applicants will be notified of award decision within 45 days following application deadline.

Other information:
Students who are presenting their own research may be given preference in STAR Program funding.
Students are only eligible to receive one STAR Program stipend during their graduate school career.
Students must be currently enrolled at a university at the time the conference is held.
Stipends constitute a reimbursement for expenses incurred, and will be made following conference and the submittal of appropriate documentation (i.e., Foundation expense report, receipts).
Students are required to notify the Foundation if they have applied for and/or have received alternative sources of funding. STAR funding is not intended for use when other mechanisms of support have already been provided/received to cover conference expenses.
STAR program does not provide reimbursement for AudiologyNOW!, Academy Research Conference or other Academy-related meetings, or for corporate/manufacturer-sponsored meetings.

Eligibility and Application Requirements:

1. Student must be a graduate student in Audiology (AuD, PhD, AuD/PhD), in good standing, enrolled in a US university program.
2. Applicants must provide:
    a. Completed application.
    b. A personal statement (not to exceed 500 words) that explains why you wish to attend conference and how it relates to your course of study.
    c. A letter from departmental faculty verifying your standing in the program and supporting your attendance at the specific conference.
    d. (Optional) Abstract of research poster/presentation and brief description of role in research project.

For more information, contact Tara Conte, Foundation Coordinator, at 703.226.1048 or tconte@audiology.org.

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Two Application Deadlines Annually: January 1 and July 1

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First Name: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip_____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

University Name: _____

Degree Sought: _____ Anticipated Month/Year of Graduation: _____

University Advisor Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Conference Name: _____ Conference Date: _____

Total Requested $_____ (Registration: $_____ Travel: $_____ Lodging: $_____)

Yes, I have enclosed/attached:

_____ Completed application

_____ A personal statement (not to exceed 500 words) that explains why you wish to attend conference and how it relates to your course of study

_____ A letter from departmental faculty verifying your standing in the program and supporting your attendance at the specific conference

_____ Abstract of research poster/presentation and brief description of role in research project, if applicable

Yes, I have read the attached STAR program guidelines, eligibility, and conditions information and agree to abide by all terms.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail/fax completed application to:
American Academy of Audiology Foundation
Attn: STAR Program
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Reston, VA 20190
Fax: 703.790.8631 Email: tconte@audiology.org

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For more information regarding the STAR program, contact Tara Conte at 703-226-1048.