



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 preferential consideration. STAR applicants are required to provide a completed application, personal statement and a letter from a university departmental faculty member that (1) verifies standing in the academic program, and (2) supports 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 format) 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 January 1 and July 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 eligible to receive only one STAR program stipend during their graduate school career. Students must be enrolled full-time 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 funding from other sources. 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), enrolled full-time and in good standing, in a US university program.
2. Applicants must provide:
 - a. Completed application.
 - b. A personal statement (not to exceed 500 words) that explains why the applicant wishes to attend the conference and how it relates to the applicant's course of study.
 - c. A letter from a departmental faculty member verifying the applicant's standing in the program and supporting the applicant's attendance at this specific conference.
 - d. (Optional) Abstract of research poster/presentation and brief description of the applicant's role in research project.

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

Student Travel Awards Reimbursement (STAR) Application
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 I wish to attend this conference and how it relates to my course of study
- A letter from departmental faculty verifying my standing in the program and supporting my attendance at this specific conference
- Abstract of the research poster/presentation and brief description of my role in the 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/email completed application to:
American Academy of Audiology Foundation
Attn: STAR Program
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Reston, VA 20190
Email: tconte@audiology.org



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