



Student Travel Award Reimbursement (S.T.A.R.) Program Application Information

Two Application Deadlines Annually: January 1 and September 1 at Midnight ET

The American Academy of Audiology Foundation's S.T.A.R. program offers fulltime audiology graduate students (AuD, PhD, AuD/PhD) at a U.S. university funding to support their participation in professional meetings where they will present research or gain an educational experience not available in their academic program. Selected students will receive a stipend of up to \$500 for conference registration, transportation, and/or lodging expenses for meetings in the hearing sciences or other sciences relating to student coursework.

Students who receive funding through the S.T.A.R. program are required to provide the Foundation with a post-conference statement (2-3 paragraphs) that details the experience and learning outcomes within 30 days following the meeting. 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.

A committee of audiologists will review application materials, and award notification will be made by February 15 and October 15 respectively.

Eligibility, Guidelines, and Conditions

1. Students must be fulltime audiology graduate students (AuD, PhD, AuD/PhD) at a U.S. university at the time of the conference.
2. Students presenting their own research are given preference in S.T.A.R. program funding.
3. Students can only receive one S.T.A.R. program stipend during their graduate school career.
4. Stipends constitute a reimbursement for expenses incurred and will be made following conference attendance and the submittal of appropriate documentation.
5. Students are required to notify the Foundation if they have applied for and/or have received funding from other sources. S.T.A.R. funding is not intended for use when other mechanisms of support have already been provided/received to cover conference expenses.
6. S.T.A.R. program does **NOT** provide reimbursement for AudiologyNOW!, Academy Research Conference, or other Academy-related meetings, or for corporate/manufacturer-sponsored meetings.

Applicants are required to submit the following:

1. Completed application (attached)
2. Letter of recommendation from a departmental faculty member supporting the applicant's attendance at this specific conference and verifying the applicant's standing in the program. Please explain how attendance at this conference will advance the student's future career.
3. Personal statement that explains why the applicant wishes to attend the conference and how it relates to the applicant's course of study (500 words maximum).
4. Curriculum and/or agenda of the meeting the applicant wishes to attend.
5. Abstract of research poster/presentation and brief description of the applicant's role in research project (optional).

NOTE: Please read the submission criteria carefully. ONLY send the information requested above; applicants who send unrequested documentation may be disqualified from consideration.

For more information, contact Rachael Sifuentes, SAA Operations Manager,
at 703.226.1048 or rsifuentes@audiology.org.

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First Name: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

University Name: _____ Degree Sought: _____

Year: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th Anticipated Month/Year of Graduation: _____

University Advisor Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Conference Name: _____ Conference Date: _____

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

Are you receiving any other funding to attend this conference? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

Are you presenting research at this conference? Yes No

Yes, I have attached

- Completed application
- Letter of recommendation
- Personal statement
- Curriculum and/or agenda of the meeting
- Abstract of the research poster/presentation and brief description of my role in the research project, if applicable

Yes, I have read the attached "S.T.A.R. Application Information" and agree to abide by all terms. I also understand that the AAA Foundation reserves all rights to use the information I provide in this application in any and all promotional materials.

Yes, the information included in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge

Signature (Student): _____ Date: _____

Signature (Advisor): _____ Date: _____

Email completed application to:

Rachael Sifuentes, SAA Operations Manager

Email: rsifuentes@audiology.org Phone: 703-226-1048

Applicants will receive confirmation of application receipt within 48 hours of submission.

