

HEARING HEALTH FOUNDATION EMERGING RESEARCH GRANTS



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Hearing Health Foundation requests applications to explore new avenues in specified topic areas of hearing and balance science.



2015 EMERGING RESEARCH GRANTS PROGRAM

HHF, the leading national source of private funding for research in hearing and balance science, awards grants up to \$30,000 per year to researchers to conduct novel investigations of auditory and vestibular function and dysfunction. HHF wishes to stimulate research that leads to a continuing and independently fundable line of research. Only research proposals in the following topic areas of hearing and balance science (listed below), including basic, translational, and applied clinical research, will be considered:

Central Auditory Processing Disorder:

Four grants will be awarded for innovative research that will increase our understanding of the causes, diagnosis, and treatment of central auditory processing disorder (CAPD), an umbrella term for a variety of disorders that affect the way the brain processes auditory information.

Hyperacusis:

One grant will be awarded that is focused on innovative research (e.g., animal models, brain imaging, biomarkers, electrophysiology) that will increase our understanding of the mechanisms, causes, diagnosis, and treatments of hyperacusis and severe forms of loudness intolerance. Research that explores distinctions between hyperacusis and tinnitus is of special interest.

Ménière's Disease:

Two grants will be awarded for innovative research that will increase our understanding of the inner ear and balance disorder Ménière's disease.

Tinnitus:

One grant will be awarded for innovative research that will increase our understanding of the mechanisms, causes, diagnosis, and treatment of tinnitus. Projects investigating the prevention, treatment, and/or alleviating tinnitus are encouraged to apply.

Research projects outside of these topic areas cannot be considered.

ELIGIBILITY:

APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO:

- Possess M.D., Ph.D., Au.D., or equivalent degrees as well as a faculty, postdoctoral, or medical residency appointment.
- Demonstrate experience and strong research training.
- Conduct research at an institution within the United States of America.
- Hold sufficient institutional support (facilities, time, and mentorship) to carry out proposed work.
- Apply for funds only for proposed project.
- Indicate how the proposed research will help applicant transition toward independence from the mentor, including how the proposed research is distinct from the mentor's research program.
- Indicate how proposed project addresses a question or set of questions that are new, or apply a new approach to an established question or set of questions.

INELIGIBILITY:

HEARING HEALTH FOUNDATION WILL NOT CONSIDER APPLICANTS WHO ARE:

- Applicants (PIs) concurrently receiving support of >\$75,000 per annum in direct costs from any other combined source(s) in any field of research during the award period (July 2015 onward).
- Graduate students.
- Those applying for research continuation or bridge funding.
- HHF grantees that have received at least one year of funding. Second-year applications are currently not eligible for funding.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS AND DEADLINES

**1ST
YEAR
APPLICANTS**

Letter of intent (LOI): Submit electronically by 5PM ET on October 31, 2014.

GO TO HHF.ORG/2015_LOI FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON SUBMITTING AN LOI.

Full Application Opens: Early November 2014.

Full Application Deadline: By 5PM ET on December 5, 2014.

Late LOIs or applications will not be considered.