

NEBRASKA SPEECH LANGUAGE HEARING ENDOWMENT FUND

2009 Research Grant Program

The goal of this grant program is to promote careers in research and evidence-based practice in speech-language pathology and audiology.

Eligibility and Requirements

- Any student majoring in speech-language pathology or audiology at the master's or doctoral level who is enrolled at an ASHA-accredited college or university in the State of Nebraska is eligible.
- Research to be 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.
- Applicant must be a student member of the Nebraska-Speech-Language-Hearing Association. Go to <http://nslha.org/> to access a membership application form.
- Recipient must make every attempt to attend the Nebraska Speech-Language-Hearing Association Fall Convention business luncheon on October 1, 2009 to receive the award and attend the evening auction that same day to be recognized by the Association. (Convention registration fee and the cost of the luncheon will be waived for the recipient.)
- If awarded the grant, recipient must agree to present as an invited speaker at the NSLHA Convention in 2010 (the year after receiving the award).
- Send 3 copies of the research application to:
NSLH Endowment Fund
Attention: Toni B. Morehouse
253 Barkley Memorial Center
Lincoln, NE 68583-0731

Deadline Date for Receipt of Proposals

July 30, 2009

Award Amount

\$1,000 (to be awarded at the NSLHA Convention in October 2009)

Application Process

The application has 7 parts:

1. Applicant's vita
2. 150-word abstract of the proposed research
3. Research plan
4. Documentation of approval by the relevant Institutional Review Board (IRB)
5. Letter of support from the applicant's mentor
6. Short curriculum vita from the applicant's mentor
7. Copy of NSLHA membership card

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, audiology or hearing/speech science.
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 computing or expert advice.
4. *Evaluation and data analysis.* Describe the data analysis methods to be used to answer the research question(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 using the following scale:

1. <i>Research objectives</i> Research objectives are clearly stated.	10 points
2. <i>Background and significance</i> Significance of the research and its potential impact on understanding problems relevant to speech-language pathology or audiology.	20 points
3. <i>Methods and procedures</i> 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. <i>Evaluation and data analysis</i> An adequate evaluation of the project's results is provided.	10 points
5. <i>Management plan and budget</i> Project activities and timeline are outlined. A detailed budget and a budget justification are given.	10 points
<i>Total Points Possible</i>	100 points

Please contact Toni B. Morehouse at 472-5471 or tmorehouse1@unl.edu if you have questions.