

**National Center for Rehabilitative Auditory Research (NCRAR)  
NIH T-35 Summer Research Traineeships for Au.D. Students**

The NCRAR is located at the VA Portland Health Care System in Portland Oregon. We have four student traineeships available for summer 2017 that will be awarded to outstanding students currently enrolled in a graduate program leading to the Doctorate of Audiology (Au.D.) degree. These traineeships are funded by a grant from the National Institutes on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD). Students from all Au.D. programs in the U.S.A. are eligible to apply for this three-month summer program.

Student trainees will work alongside scientists on one or more hearing-related studies. In addition to learning first hand about the process of carrying out clinical research in audiology, students will get to attend seminars and lectures from clinical scientists, take part in NCRAR activities, such as laboratory and staff meetings, and NCRAR outreach activities. In addition, students will participate in an interactive ethics class, and other short courses arranged and hosted by NCRAR. At the end of the three-month traineeship, students will be expected to present their work to the NCRAR staff and to prepare a poster for presentation at the Spring 2018 AAS meeting in Arizona (for which a travel stipend will be provided by the AAS).

Each trainee will be paid a living stipend at the current NIH rate (in 2016 it was \$1,948 per month). As a special bonus, NIDCD has offered to fund travel scholarships to each trainee to attend the next meeting of the American Auditory Society, held every year in the spring.

**Eligibility:**

- Must be enrolled in an accredited Au.D. graduate program
- Must **not** be enrolled in a Ph.D. program or in an AuD/PhD program
- Must have had at least one year of graduate work in the Au.D. program
- Must commit to a traineeship at the NCRAR for **three months** in the summer. Under special circumstances, it may be possible to work out a shorter time period if the graduate program cannot accommodate the student's full three-month absence. However the monthly stipend will have to be prorated if participation is less than three full months. **We strongly encourage students to stay for the full three months. If this is not possible please let us know up front.**
- Must be a US citizen or permanent resident

**If you would like to apply, please:**

- Discuss your interest in participation in this program with your faculty advisor.
- Correspond via email with Dr. Gabrielle Saunders at the NCRAR, indicating an interest in applying for the program: [Gabrielle.saunders@va.gov](mailto:Gabrielle.saunders@va.gov)
- Complete the application form and obtain all letters of recommendation as specified.
- Write a 1-2 page description of what you hope to gain from this research experience. Feel free to consult with your faculty advisor on this.
- Send a CV or resume that describes your professional and academic background

**Send your application form and letters of recommendation by email to Dr. Saunders at [Gabrielle.Saunders@va.gov](mailto:Gabrielle.Saunders@va.gov)**

*Deadline for receipt of applications for Summer 2017 is January 15, 2017  
Decisions regarding awarding of the traineeships will be made by February 1, 2017*