

Funding AuD students: Options and Opportunities

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Discussion on the topic

- Recruiting and retaining great students
- Addressing a downturn in the economy
- Looking at options and opportunities in other types of clinically based doctoral programs
- Considerations for AuD/PhD
- Opportunities for partnerships

Audiology...Huh?

- Opportunity to educate those in Universities, private funders, etc. regarding a couple of issues:
 - Audiology as a profession
 - The demand for audiology
 - The transition to a doctoral level profession
 - The role of audiology in the bigger picture of healthcare (scholarships that are designed for healthcare providers)

University specific options



Scholarships, Fellowships, and Traineeships

- University programs
 - Ohio State examples: Presidential Fellowship, Enrichment Fellowship (thinking outside the box in terms of under-represented populations)
- US Dept of Ed. Training grants
- Maternal Child Health: Leadership in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities and Related Disorders
- Others

GA/TA/RA opportunities

- Teaching
- Business office
- Clinic office
- Dept. office

Other types of partnerships with the University

- Ohio Department of Health: AuD student employed in data inputting and management in the EDHI program
- Newborn hearing screeners in local hospitals
- ABA providers: Contacts to the Dept.

AuD/PhD options

- Different funding options for PhD programs than AuD programs...if a student wants a combined program, there may be some options at individual programs

An example that broadens the U involvement: Med school options

- Emergency grants (includes uninsured medical and dental expenses)
- Student travel support
- Scholastic enrichment awards
- Research funds
- Partnership with medical subspecialty organizations to support research—more money for research than for clinical (research grants and fellowships)

Options to pursue as possibilities

- <http://www.fastweb.com/>
- <http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/interdisciplinary/>
- <http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/dsa/hpsl.htm> Health Professions Student Loans (audiology does not qualify)...transition has been an issue

An opportunity to educate

National Health Services Corp...can be an “ambassador”...not many audiologists on the list

National Institutes of Health

- Health professionals engaged in biomedical and behavioral research
- Loan repayment award. The loan repayment programs (LRPs) are a vital component of our nation's efforts to recruit and retain highly qualified professionals to careers in research.
- NIH annually awards loan repayment contracts to approximately 1,600 health professionals with an average award of \$52,000. More than 50% of the awards are made to individuals less than 5 years out of school. Approximately 40% of all new applicants are funded and 70% of renewals are funded.
- NIH will repay up to \$35,000 annually of qualified educational debt for health professionals pursuing careers in one of the five Loan Repayment Programs (LRPs).

National Institutes of Health

- To qualify, applicants must possess a doctoral-level degree, devote an average of 20 hours per week or more to research funded by a non-profit organization, university, or government entity (NIH grant support is not required). Applicants must also have outstanding educational loan debt equal to at least 20% of their institutional base salary and be U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

<http://www.lrp.nih.gov>.<http://www1.od.nih.gov/oma/manualchapters/person/2300-537-1/>

Non-audiology related scholarships



Tylenol scholarship

- <http://www.tylenol.com/page.jhtml?id=tylenol/news/subptyschol.inc>
- The concept of “building a better future”
- Healthcare focus: the program helps students who are pursuing careers in the healthcare, life sciences, or related fields manage the rising costs of education.
- In 2009, \$250,000 in scholarships will be awarded based on leadership qualities and academic performance, including ten \$10,000 and thirty \$5,000 grants.

AMBUCS scholarship

- National AMBUCS™, Inc. is a non-profit service organization consisting of a diverse group of men and women who are dedicated to creating mobility and independence for people with disabilities.
<http://www.ambucs.com/scholarship-program-information/>
- Range between \$500-1000 awards

- Goal to promote academic excellence and opportunity for outstanding minority students with significant financial need

Gates Millennium Scholars (GMS)

- Increasing the representation of target groups in the disciplines of education, engineering, library science, mathematics, public health and the sciences, where these groups are severely underrepresented;
- Developing a diversified cadre of future leaders for America by facilitating successful completion of bachelor's, master's and doctoral students
- “Seamless” education
- <http://www.gmsp.org/>

Roothbert Fund

- Created in 1958 by Albert and Toni Roothbert to help men and women in need of financial aid to further their education. The principal focus of The Fund is its Scholarships Program, through which it makes grants for undergraduate or graduate study at accredited colleges or universities. Scholarships may only be applied to study at an accredited institution based in the United States. The Fund seeks candidates who are "motivated by spiritual values," and works to foster fellowship among them.
- <http://www.roothbertfund.org/scholarships.php>

Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarships (HPSP)

- The U.S. Armed Services offer scholarships to **dental** students that pay tuition, fees, books and a monthly stipend. All are highly competitive programs. The active duty obligation is one year of service for each year of scholarship support with a minimum of three years of active duty service. Scholarships are available annually from all service branches. For information contact the individual branches of service.

--Medical Services Corp of the Army

http://www.goarmy.com/amedd/m_service/preventive_medicine_scie.jsp

Undergraduate involvement

- Sororities and fraternities that offer scholarships for their alums for graduate education

Audiology related scholarships and opportunities



- **Starkey, Inc.** Student Clinical Scholarship

- http://www.starkeypro.com/public/audiology_education/university_outreach/scholarships/osc/application.jsp

- William F. Austin Scholarship

- http://www.starkeypro.com/public/audiology_education/university_outreach/scholarships/wfa/application.jsp

Audiology Foundation of America

- Outstanding AuD student (selected from students entering their 3rd year)
- Academic Achievement and Professional Potential
- \$4500
- Nomination by faculty member or chair

ASHA Foundation

- Both research (“New century”) and clinical
- <http://www.ashfoundation.org/Foundation/grants/GraduateScholarships.htm#GSS>

Professional organizations

Partnering in preparing
the future of the
profession



Ideas from other professions:

Optometry

- <http://www.aoa.org/x5132.xml> (Guide to Optometric Loans, Grants and Scholarships)
Member protected
- More information on budgeting, etc.
- Make it clear that it's a partnership and that the student has a significant role in budgeting, etc.

Physical Therapy

- See Financing a Doctorate in Physical Therapy article

Professional organizations

- American Dental Association (ADA) Foundation
 - Grants program
 - 25 awards of 2500 each
 - 25 minority awards of 2500 each

Role of professional organizations

- http://www.apta.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Scholarships_Aid&TEMPLATE=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&CONTENTID=48293#business
- State affiliates—Ohio Dental Association (merit and financial need)...also have sponsorships of their scholarship (e.g. Sam's club)

Educating applicants to the process

- Budgeting for a 4 year degree
- Student loans a source of “cheap money” at the moment
- Use student organizations/professional organizations to address finances (like PT)
- Endorsing student loan organizations, again like PT