Audrey Holland Endowed Award

The Audrey Holland Endowed Award has been established to support undergraduate and graduate students to design and conduct research in the Department of Communication Science and Disorders. The awardee may use the award for research related supplies and equipment, subject participation, statistical support, travel to present research findings, and other related items.

How to compete for this award

The award is competitive and all CSD students are eligible. Students conducting or planning to conduct research in the current academic year should self-nominate. For 2018, the award will be in the amount of $900.00 which is to be used to offset expenses in the research budget.

ELIGIBILITY

- CSD undergraduate or graduate student
- Research for which the award is being sought must meet one of the following criteria:
  a. Already-IRB approved human subjects research: Studies that have been approved by the University of Pittsburgh Institutional Review Board (IRB) under full board review, expedited review or exempt status.
     1. An active and approved IRB number will be required in the application
  b. Human subjects research in the process of being prepared for IRB submission: Studies eligible for full board review, expedited review or exempt status, that are sufficiently complete in their design as to be ready for IRB submission. The committee will also judge the application’s readiness for IRB submission.
  c. A design that does not involve human subjects and therefore does not require IRB approval.
     1. Examples include systematic review or meta-analysis.
- Student researcher-applicant must have a faculty mentor actively involved in the research, who will indicate their support of the research with their signature on the application.
- Applications must be received by noon on November 1st, 2018.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Download and complete the application template electronically (available at https://www.shrs.pitt.edu/csd_funding/) for the Audrey Holland Endowed Award following all instructions. The application template also appears below – modify in your word processor with all supporting materials to produce a single document.
The application includes the following items which should be combined into a single Word document in the following order (see below for details):

a. The application form including the project title and signature of mentor
b. Project narrative
c. Project budget
d. The student applicant’s biosketch (NIH Format).
   i. See here [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch-blankformat-Forms-D.docx](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch-blankformat-Forms-D.docx) for NIH format template
   ii. Note the biosketch includes a personal statement

Applications must be submitted **BOTH electronically by email and by hard copy** (please compile all materials into a single Word or pdf document), to the CSD Director of Student Financial Aid and Awards (currently at icoyle@pitt.edu - mailbox in the CSD office) before noon on the due date. **PLEASE COMBINE ALL COMPONENTS INTO A SINGLE WORD DOCUMENT BEFORE SUBMISSION. ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

**SELECTION COMMITTEE**

The award recipient will be determined by a faculty committee consisting of the directors of the five degree programs in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders: CSD Undergraduate, Master’s Degree Program in SLP, Doctor of Audiology (AuD) Program, Doctor of Clinical Science in Speech Language Pathology Program (CScD), and CSD Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Program.

- Committee members serving as research mentors for students submitting applications for the Audrey Holland Endowed Award will recuse themselves from the selection committee.
- Each member of the committee will score submissions based on the criteria listed below, with the application receiving the “best” scores receiving the award. Scoring system is based on F31 scoring criteria.
  - Each committee member will generate one score for the Applicant’s merit, and one score for the project’s merit, using the score form
  - The average of applicant and project scores will be the basis of the final score for the application.
  - The application with the best (numerically lowest) score will receive the award.
- In the event of a tie vote, the Department of Communication Science and Disorders Director of Student Financial Aid and Awards will give the tiebreaking vote.
If the director is serving as research mentor for any submitted applications, the Chair of the Department of Communication Science and Disorders will serve as the tiebreaker vote.

Next in line to generate the tiebreaker vote is the CSD Department senior ranking faculty member who is not Director of one of the Academic Programs.

Scoring Rubric (adapted from NIH F31 scoring criteria):

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USE THE FOLLOWING FORM TEMPLATE TO GENERATE YOUR APPLICATION. PLEASE MAINTAIN THE TEMPLATE FORMAT (ORDER OF ITEMS).
AUDREY HOLLAND ENDOWED STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD

Application Form

Student Last Name: ____________________________________________
Student First Name: ____________________________________________
Middle Initial: ________
Credentials (indicate current highest earned degree): ________________
Address: Number & Street__________________________________________
          City, State, Zip Code: __________________________________________
          Phone number including area code: ________________________________
Applicant is a (check all that apply):
___ CSD undergraduate student _____ (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th) year  ___ B.Phil candidate
___ CSD MA or MS-SLP student _____ (1st, 2nd) year
___ CSD AuD student _____ (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th) year
___ CSD CScD student _____ (1st, 2nd, 3rd) year
___ CSD PhD student _____ passed comprehensive exam  ____ approved prospectus

TITLE OF PROJECT:
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
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__________________________________________  ________________________________
Student signature                                   Faculty mentor signature
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PROJECT NARRATIVE (5 PAGES OR LESS): include purpose of research and plan of execution. Please insert the information in the following outline or create a separate document using this outline. Please add a “Project Narrative” header to each page of the Narrative.

1. Project Title, Principal Investigator’s Name

2. Objective: What is the overall purpose of this research study? (Limit response to 1-2 sentences.)

3. Specific Aims: List the goals of the proposed study (e.g., describe the relevant hypotheses or the specific problems or issues that will be addressed by the study).

4. Background: Briefly describe previous findings or observations that provide the background leading to this proposal.

5. Significance: Why is it important that this research be conducted? What gaps in existing information or knowledge is this research intended to fill?

6. Methods: Briefly describe the research methods.

7. Innovation: Indicate any innovative aspects of your research proposal or design.

8. BUDGET: LIST OF ITEMS FOR WHICH THE AWARD WILL BE USED: Indicate each item and approximate cost. Please insert the form/table below into your application document after the face/application form page. In the Project Narrative, be sure to indicate where each item fits into the research plan (see next paragraph).

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PLEASE ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGES OR ADD ROWS AS NECESSARY
**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Provide the following information for the Senior/key personnel and other significant contributors. Follow this format for each person. **DO NOT EXCEED FIVE PAGES.**

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A. Personal Statement

B. Positions and Honors

C. Contributions to Science

D. Additional Information: Research Support and/or Scholastic Performance