Information and Application Instructions

Research Traineeships for AuD Students

Vanderbilt University, in Nashville, Tennessee, has a student research traineeship program for outstanding students currently enrolled in a graduate program leading to the Doctorate of Audiology (AuD) degree. These traineeships are funded by a training grant from the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIH-NIDCD T35 DC008763). Students from all AuD programs in the United States are invited to apply for this three-month training program.

This is a full-time research training program that typically will occur between mid-May and mid-August. Students may complete this following any year of their AuD program. Student trainees who are selected for participation in this program will work alongside established hearing scientists on one or more studies on topics in audiology and the hearing sciences. In addition to learning first-hand about the process of carrying out research relevant to audiology, students will have opportunities to attend seminars, lectures, and journal clubs, and will be active participants in ongoing discussions of current and future research activities.

Each trainee will receive a stipend (stipend amount is based on the NIH published pre-doctoral levels) for the three-month research period. Housing arrangements and costs are the trainee's responsibility; we will provide information about housing possibilities for those coming from outside of the Nashville area. Trainees will have the opportunity to present their research at the annual meeting of the American Auditory Society held in Scottsdale, Arizona in the year following their traineeship.

Eligibility:

- Must be enrolled in an accredited AuD graduate program and can apply for a traineeship that would occur any summer while they are an active AuD student.
- Must have completed at least two semesters of graduate work in the AuD program by the time the traineeship begins (i.e., first-year AuD students are eligible to apply for traineeships that would commence towards the end of their first year).
- Must commit to a full-time traineeship at Vanderbilt University for three consecutive months.
- Must be a U.S. citizen or non-citizen national of the United States. Students on temporary or student visas are not eligible for NIH training support.

If you would like to apply:

- Discuss your interest in participation in this program with your faculty advisor.
- Correspond via email with Dr. Linda J. Hood, indicating an interest in applying for the program.
- Complete the application form, which is attached.
- Write a brief (one page) description of what you hope to gain from this research experience. Feel free to consult with your faculty advisor and other faculty members on this.
- Obtain letters of recommendation from 1) your academic advisor or department chairperson and 2) another faculty member who is familiar with your work. The letter from your advisor or chair must confirm your status as an enrolled graduate student in the AuD program.
- Submit a brief CV or resume that describes your professional and academic background.

Send your application materials and letters of recommendation by email to the Vanderbilt T35 Program at: janice.e.creel@vumc.org

Or you may mail this information to:

Janice Creel
Department of Hearing and Speech Sciences
Vanderbilt University
1215 21st Avenue South
MCE South Tower, Room 8310
Nashville, TN 37232-8242

All application materials must be received by January 10, 2027.

Traineeship offers will be made on February 1, 2027.

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RESEARCH TRAINEESHIP APPLICATION

Applicant Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email address:

Undergraduate institution:

Location:
Major area(s) of study:
Degree earned and date:

Graduate institution(s):

Other graduate degree prior to the AuD:
Location:
Major area(s) of study:
Degree earned and date:

AuD program institution:
Name:
Location:
Dates attended:
Major area(s) of study:
Current level (first, second, third year student):
When you expect to graduate:

Faculty Advisor or Department Chair:

Advisor's or Chair's Address, Phone, Email:

Other Faculty Member providing letter:

Other Faculty Address, Phone, Email:

The traineeship is planned for a three-month period typically between May 15, 2027 - Aug 15, 2027. We prefer that all trainees complete their traineeships within the same period as much as possible. If this does not fit with your schedule, please indicate the starting and ending dates of the three-month period that would be your choice.

Start Date: _____ End Date: _____

Please rank order your top three choices for a topic area or Vanderbilt researcher with whom you would like to work (number "1", "2", "3"):

_____ Angela Bonino, PhD – Children's Auditory Perception
_____ Linda Hood, PhD – Peripheral and Central Auditory Physiology
_____ Aaron Moberly, MD – Outcomes in Adults with Hearing Loss and Cochlear Implants
_____ Erin Picou, PhD and Ben Hornsby, PhD – Listening-Related Fatigue and Traumatic Brain Injury
_____ Ram Ramachandran, PhD, and Troy Hacket, PhD – Neural Basis of Normal Hearing and Hearing Dysfunction
_____ Todd Ricketts, PhD – Optimization of Amplification
_____ Daniel Romero, AuD, PhD – Vestibular Research
_____ Mark Wallace, PhD – Brain Bases of Multisensory Processing
_____ Megan Beers Wood, PhD – Hearing Response Mechanisms

Personal Statement: Describe your future professional goals and how this experience will contribute to your future goals? (Please limit to 1 page)

Optional sex, racial and ethnic information:
The NIH asks that grant recipient institutions provide gender, racial and ethnic background information as part of the grant reporting process. This information is reported as group data without individual identification. We are requesting this information from you with the understanding that you have the option to provide it or not. Whether or not you choose to provide this information will in no way affect your evaluation or potential selection for a traineeship.

Sex:

Race:

Ethnic background:

GPA & GRE information:
Please provide undergraduate & graduate GPAs as well as your GRE scores if possible. This information is not used as part of the T35 application review. However, we need this for the NIH grant report and appreciate your assistance in providing this.

Application Checklist (All application materials are due by January 10, 2027):
_____Application Form
_____Personal Statement
_____Optional Information
_____CV/Resume
_____Letter of Recommendation: Academic Advisor or Department Chair
_____Letter of Recommendation: Other Faculty Member