

CASLPA Clinical Research Grant Application



The Canadian Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists will provide clinical research grants to CASLPA members to conduct research or engage in activities that increase research capacity. The grants are intended to support an increase in the clinical evidence base in the professions of speech-language pathology and audiology in Canada. Two grants of \$2500 will be awarded in 2012.

Applications must be received at the CASLPA office, **1000 - 1 Nicholas St., Ottawa, Ontario K1N 7B7**; fax: 613-567-2859 or by e-mail: chantal@caslpa.ca, attention: CASLPA Clinical Research Grants Committee by **May 31, 2012 midnight in order to be considered. Only complete applications will be considered.** Successful applicants will be informed by the end of July 2012.

Principal Applicant (Note: Must be a practicing clinician in speech-language pathology or audiology). Applications from faculty members will only be considered if their academic appointment entails engagement in direct clinical practice.

Last Name, Given Name(s)

Mailing Address at place of employment City Province Postal Code

Phone Number Fax E-Mail Address

Applicant is a practicing clinician in _____ S-LP _____ Audiology

EDUCATION: Highest degree earned

University Discipline Degree Year

Co-Applicants(s)/Team Member(s)/Mentor

1. _____
Last Name, Given Name(s) Affiliation

2. _____
Last Name, Given Name(s) Affiliation

3. _____
Last Name, Given Name(s) Affiliation

Ethics Approval

Does this proposal require a human subjects ethical review? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, through what agency? _____

If no, please explain _____

Application: Supporting documentation (required)

1. Proposal (2 pages maximum, font size 12, APA format, 1.5 line spacing)

Provide a clear and detailed description of the proposed activities that you will complete. Activities eligible for funding are those that involve the planning and/or implementation of clinical research or those that increase the capacity of an individual or group of individuals to conduct research. **Proposals must include:**

- A rationale and description of the activities to be completed
- A timeline for completion (2 year maximum)
- An outline of the feasibility of the project and how it will contribute to the field of SLP/audiology
- An itemized budget outlining eligible research expenses. Eligible research expenses include: equipment, research assistant or coordinator salaries and benefits, materials (tests, etc.), consultant fees (e.g., statistics, database development) and other research related expenses. Salary or honoraria for principal applicants or co-applicants is not an eligible expense. If you have any questions regarding eligible expenses, please contact Chantal Kealey.
- A description of the roles of the principal applicant and co-applicants.
- A brief description of the ethics review process or why it is not necessary.
- Identification of any related research funding and how the present funds will provide added value.
- Disclosure of any conflict of interest.

2. Evidence of research capacity (1/2 page maximum)

If you propose to use these funds to conduct research, you must provide evidence of the research capacity of your team. Clearly describe the research capacity of your team in the application. At least one member of your team must have research expertise as defined by strong research training and a successful research publication record. If the principal applicant does not have research expertise, then a research mentor must be included as a co-applicant. Research mentors must submit a letter describing their research experience and training and outlining their role in the project. Minimally, the research mentor should be involved in developing the research design and plan for data analysis.

Curriculum Vitae must be included for the principal applicant, all co-applicants, and the research mentor. The CV for the mentor should include publications and research activities from the last 5 years only.

3. Signed letter of support from employer must be included if the employment setting is involved in the proposed work (e.g., participant recruitment, use of equipment, release time for principal or co-applicants).

CRITERIA: Only complete applications with all supporting documentation will be considered. Applications will be evaluated on the presence of a clear plan, a budget, the feasibility and quality of the proposal, and proof of research capacity. Research that is being completed as part of or related to a university degree is not eligible.

The principal applicant must:

- Be a practicing speech-language pathologist or audiologist.
- Be a member of CASLPA
- Have, at minimum, a master's degree (or equivalent) in speech-language pathology or audiology.
- Have at least one year of clinical experience.

Eligible Proposal Activities:

- Completion of all or part of a research project. Projects can be new or on-going. The applicant must identify any related funds and identify how these funds provide added value. Proposals that only involve travel to present research that has been completed will be given low priority.
- Development of a research team and/or research project proposal. These proposals may include networking and planning activities with a clear research end point.
- Development of research capacity in an individual or team. These proposals may include activities such as attending workshops or classes that provide research training.

Applicants will be notified by e-mail if they are a recipient or non-recipient (you must notify CASLPA of any change to your e-mail address). If funded, an annual report and a final report with delineation of use of funds must be submitted using standard CASLPA forms available on the website. Any unused funds must be returned to CASLPA. The recipient's name, employer and province may be used in CASLPA publications. The recipient will also be asked to submit a picture, a biography and a 50 word project abstract that may be used in CASLPA publications as well as a Social Insurance Number (for a T4A to be issued). Any manuscripts resulting from the research must be submitted first to CJSLPA for publication consideration. CJSLPA reserves the right of first refusal for any publications that result from the project. CASLPA funding must be acknowledged on all publications and presentations resulting from the research.

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