

LILLY RESEARCH GRANT
Genetic Hearing Loss Diagnosis: Advancing Research and Understanding
GRANT POLICIES

A. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to invite investigators to design and execute research projects focused on the **genetics of hearing loss**. Example topics of interest include:

- Decreasing barriers to genetic testing for hearing loss
- Increasing utilization of genetic testing for hearing loss
- Evaluating the impact of genetic diagnosis on patient outcomes including but not limited to cochlear implantation, hearing aid utilization, and mitigating treatment burden.
- Evaluating the impact of genetic testing on patient quality of life
- Addressing gaps in clinical care for patients with diagnosed genetic hearing loss
- Understanding the impact of genetic diagnosis on health care utilization
- Understanding the economic impact of genetic testing for hearing loss
- Implementing efficient workflows for incorporating genetic diagnosis in clinical care
- Incorporation of appropriate genetic testing in newborn screening algorithms
- Improving the diagnostic yield of genetic testing for hearing loss.
- Understanding clinical care gaps to prevent missed or delayed diagnosis of SNHL

The Reviewers will consider other submissions that address topics around the use of genetics in the diagnosis and treatment of hearing loss as set forth in the FOA but may not be contained in one of the above categories.

B. ELIGIBILITY

All otolaryngologists in the United States or Canada are eligible to apply. This grant is also open to medical students, residents/fellows, other MDs/DOs/DMDs, PhDs, Junior Clinical Faculty, Assistant Professors, and full-time professors/researchers. All applicants must be members in good standing of AAO-HNS. **Applications submitted by ineligible Primary Investigators will not be reviewed by the CORE Study Section.**

C. CONDITIONS

Applications must be accompanied by a letter of support from the applicant's Department Chair verifying that the applicant will be permitted to devote an appropriate amount of time to the conduct and timely completion of the proposed research project. Resident applicants must also work with a faculty member designated as a co-investigator. A letter of support must also be obtained from the co-investigator. Applicants must obtain letters of support/understanding from all key personnel on the project.

D. TERMS

1. **Amount:** \$10,000 maximum total (direct and indirect) costs.
2. **Period:** One year, non-renewable.
3. **Funding:** up to two awards will be awarded in 2026.

4. **Use of Funds:** Award funds may be used for any legitimate costs associated with the purpose of the Award, other than salary support for the Principal Investigator. A detailed budget and budget justification constitute part of the application and will be evaluated as an important factor in the review process. If university policy stipulates that a portion of this very modest award must go toward institutional indirect costs, no more than ten percent (10%) of the direct costs may be applied for indirect costs.

Allowable expenses include consultant fees (e.g., statistician, methodologist); salary support for research assistants or other supporting personnel; computer software or hardware; computer database access fees; and expenses related to presentation or publication of results. Equipment and supplies purchased with this Award become the property of the recipient institution.

5. **Notification:** Letters of notification will be sent in June of the award year.
6. **Starting Date:** The recipient(s) of this award will be announced publicly at the closest AAOHNS Foundation Annual Meeting immediately following the award. The award may be activated as early as July 1 of the year of award, but no later than January 1 of the following year.
7. **Contact:** If you have any questions regarding this funding opportunity announcement, please contact the CORE Grants team (COREGrants@entnet.org).

IMPORTANT DATES

Letter of Intent Deadline: 11:59pm EST, December 15, 2025

Full Application Deadline: 11:59pm EST, January 15, 2026

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