We are pleased to announce availability of two, year-long paid audiology externships for the upcoming year. These highly competitive externships are offered by the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Service in conjunction with the VA National Center for Rehabilitative Auditory Research (NCRAR) at the VA Portland Health Care System. They are funded by VHA Office of Academic Affiliations. We offer a joint training program with the VA National Center for Rehabilitative Auditory Research (NCRAR) located in Portland, Oregon. These externships are available only for US citizens.

Experiences at the Audiology Service will include:

- All aspects of auditory assessment and treatment including diagnostic hearing evaluations, hearing aid selection, fitting, counseling, orientation, follow-up care, including administration of outcome measures, consult writing, progress note completion, and encounter reporting.
- Working with a broad range of top tier hearing aid technology (including Bluetooth devices) among largest international hearing aid manufacturers using Noah 4 programming
- Experience in auditory processing disorders clinic, OAE and ABR assessments, vestibular assessment clinic, and tinnitus assessment and management, is available.
- Experience with VA Computerized Patient Record System (CPRS), and Telehealth
- In-house training with major hearing manufacturers’ latest products
- Collaboration with other health care providers.

The experiences at the NCRAR will include:

- Participating in multiple aspects of clinical research such as participant recruitment and testing, adherence to research protocols applying human subject participation regulations, writing of clinical notes and data entry.
- Conducting a variety of clinical research procedures that may include audiometric testing, hearing aid fitting, central auditory processing testing, electroacoustic testing of hearing aids, tinnitus assessment and treatment and electrophysiological methods (ABR, EPs, OAEs)
- Attending NCRAR seminars and research meetings,
- Participating in the grant-writing process, preparing publications and conference presentations, and conducting statistical analyses of research data.
The application deadline is November 2, 2018, and the start date is as early as May 12, 2019.

Any students interested in applying should contact Dr. Craig Larson, Trainee Coordinator, at 503-220-8262, x55723, 503-721-7879, or by email, at craig.larson3@va.gov.

If you would like clarification or further information regarding the research rotation, please contact Dr. Dawn Conrad-Martin, Acting Associate Director, NCRAR, at 503-220-8262, x52962, or by email, at Dawn.Martin@va.gov.

Applicants should submit a cover letter stating interest and career goals, curriculum vitae, unofficial undergraduate and graduate transcripts, and three letters of recommendation. At least one recommendation should be from a clinical supervisor and one from an academic instructor. An academic and clinical professor can speak to both areas, if applicable. This announcement also can be found on our external website: https://www.portland.va.gov/audiologyspeech/index.asp

Letters of recommendation can be emailed to Dr. Larson directly by the professor or can be included in the student’s application. If emailed, “Letter of Recommendation,” should be included in the subject line. The remainder of the application should be preferably emailed as a single .pdf file that contains all requested information and forms. Note, the VA forms can be signed using Adobe Reader with a digital certificate. If needed, paper applications can be sent to the address below. Late (must arrive by November 2nd, 2018) or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

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