



One of the most important roles of a professional scientific society is to support education, research, and outreach for the profession. The Acoustical Society of America (ASA) utilizes

resources toward that end in an impressive manner, with support and offerings that are as broad as they are deep.

A review of the Society's annual fellowships, scholarships, grants, and prizes yields over 20 examples of our support across the many disciplines that make up the field of acoustics. Additional support comes in the form of travel subsidies for students, free classroom standards, activity kits for K-12 teachers, mentoring activities for students and early career acousticians, and symposia cosponsorships. It quickly becomes clear that ASA's subsidies for acousticians have a profound impact on the field.

This support is made possible by acousticians who join ASA, by those who become active in creating and disseminating these activities, and by those who donate generously during their lifetimes and afterward through bequests.

Here are a few examples of funding opportunities we offer, representative but certainly not inclusive.

The Frederick V. Hunt Postdoctoral Research Fellowship in Acoustics was established in 1978 to carry out Harvard Professor Frederick Hunt's wish that his estate be used to further the science of and education in acoustics. Hunt Fellows receive a stipend to support their research on any topic in acoustics at an institution of their choice.

The **Minority Fellowship** was established in 1992 with the goal of supporting minority students in their pursuit of graduate-level degrees in acoustics. To be eligible for the fellowship, the applicant must be a member of a minority group (Hispanic, African American, or Native American) that is underrepresented in the sciences.

The **Raymond H. Stetson Scholarship in Phonetics and Speech Science**, established through a grant to ASA in 1998, honors the memory of Professor Raymond H. Stetson, a pioneer investigator in phonetics and speech science. Its purpose is to facilitate the research efforts of promising graduate students in the areas of motor speech production,

phonetics, and biodevelopmental factors in speech.

Congressional Science and Engineering Fellowships, co-sponsored by ASA and the American Institute of Physics, annually sponsors a scientist or engineer at any career stage to spend a year providing analytical expertise and scientific advice to Congress. The program also enables scientists and engineers to broaden their experience through direct involvement with the legislative and policy processes. Fellows gain a perspective that, ideally, will enhance not only their own careers but also the acoustics community's ability to more effectively communicate with its representatives in Congress.

The **William and Christine Hartmann Prize in Auditory Neuroscience**, established in 2011 through a gift by Bill and Chris Hartmann, recognizes and honors research that links auditory physiology with auditory perception or behavior in humans or other animals.

The **Medwin Prize in Acoustical Oceanography**, established in 2000 from a gift by Herman and Eileen Medwin, recognizes a person for the effective use of sound in the discovery and understanding of physical and biological parameters and processes in the sea.

The **Rossing Prize in Acoustics Education**, established in 2003 from a gift by Thomas D. Rossing, recognizes individuals who make significant contributions toward furthering acoustics education through distinguished teaching, creation of educational materials, textbook writing, and other activities.

The **Leo and Gabriella Beranek Scholarship in Architectural Acoustics and Noise Control**, established in 2015 from a gift by Leo and Gabriella Beranek, is awarded to a student who has been accepted for graduate study in one of those fields.

Other awards include the **Robert Young Award for Undergraduate Student Research in Acoustics** and the **Travel Award for Support of the Development of International Standards in Acoustics**, awards provided by the **Robert Bradford Newman Student Award Fund**, and the **Royster Student Scholarship Poster Awards**. ASA also provides a number of grants, including a research grant in speech science cosponsored with the American Speech-Language-

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