



The Bloedel Affiliate Program

The Bloedel Affiliate program is designed to connect established researchers in departments across the university who are engaging in studies in the connected fields of hearing, hearing disorders, and related subjects, including vestibular function, voice, speech, language, and their disorders. Its goal is to foster multidisciplinary collaborations on solutions in service of the Center's mission.

What is required to be a Virginia Merrill Bloedel Hearing Research Center Affiliate?

- A faculty appointment at the University of Washington;
- An advanced degree (MD or PhD), or significant research in lieu of an advanced degree;
- Currently involved in research relevant to the mission of the Bloedel Center;
- Approved by the Affiliate Liaison Committee;
- Independent researcher: Examples of demonstrating independence include: designated research space, active participation in an independent research project, history of research funding (including work with collaborators), and Primary Investigator status at UW.

What are an Affiliate's responsibilities?

- Advance Hearing and Balance Research at UW, nationally and globally;
- Nominate new Affiliates;
- Help with Bloedel Center fundraising.

What are the opportunities for Affiliates?

As a Virginia Merrill Bloedel Hearing Research Center Affiliate you have many opportunities to enhance laboratory collaborations at a senior level. Please see a brief explanation of the programs below. To take advantage of these funded programs, applicants must be a UW faculty in good standing and must be an Affiliate of the Center.

Bloedel Mini-Grants

The purpose of the Bloedel Mini-Grant is to support new and innovative auditory and vestibular research projects by University of Washington faculty. Grant recipients must be an *established* investigator, either in the auditory/vestibular field or in another area with the desire to embark on hearing and balance research. Two types of Mini-Grant Awards are available:

- A maximum of \$10,000 will be awarded for two grants submitted by the application deadline (Announcement October & Submission due early December).
 - While it is not the intent of these grants to support faculty salaries, up to 20% of this award may be used for faculty salary support when no other sources of such support are available other than teaching. Please acknowledge the circumstances in your application.
- A maximum of \$5,000 will be awarded for one grant submitted throughout the year.

Bloedel Traveling Scientist

Through this program, the Virginia Merrill Bloedel Hearing Research Center fosters scientific research exchanges and continuing education for scientists through the Traveling/Visiting Scientist exchange program. This program allows Affiliates and their immediate family to travel to other universities to conduct short-term collaborations. It also enables Affiliates to bring colleagues and their immediate family from institutions world-wide to share knowledge and collaborate on key initiatives here. Affiliates can apply throughout the calendar year for a stipend to cover some travel and living expenses for visiting, or, for hosting a visiting scientist from another institution. Reminders to apply will be sent quarterly.



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Bloedel Scholar

This endowed position is a three-year appointment that funds a portion of the awardee's salary to enable research enhancement by lessening teaching or administrative duties. To be eligible for the Bloedel Scholar award, applicants must be regular tenure-track faculty affiliates who hold external research funding.

The McKay Faculty Fellowship

The McKay Endowed Faculty Fellowship is made possible with a generous gift from Robert and Anne McKay and the University of Washington Matching Gift Program. This one-year Faculty Fellowship was proposed to enhance the University's ability to recruit/retain faculty and provide opportunities for professional development for faculty in the Virginia Merrill Bloedel Hearing Research Center. The intention of the McKay Faculty Fellowship is to support *cellular-level research* on the causes, prevention or remediation of hearing or vestibular loss. Robert McKay was particularly interested in cellular imaging. When he found out that NIDCD P30 support for the Bloedel digital microscopy facility was ending, he knew this was what he wanted to support.



Bloedel Affiliate Application

Applicant Information:

Name:

Degree Level:

Academic rank:

Department(s):

UW Box:

Email:

Office Phone:

Lab Website Address:

Application Letter Requirements:

1. Include a signed cover letter addressed to the "Affiliate Liaison Committee" that states your intentions.
2. Provide the following information about your research experience (2-page maximum):
 - a. A brief statement of your major research interest and other academic activities at the UW.
 - b. A brief explanation of how you meet the requirements for Affiliate status.
 - c. A list of your research projects relevant to hearing, balance, or a related field.
 - d. A list of other non-hearing related research.

Supporting Document Requirements:

- () Curriculum Vitae or biosketch
- () Please request a current Bloedel Affiliate to submit a letter of recommendation on your behalf.

Signature of applicant:

_____ **Date:** _____

Application submission:

Submit applications via email as one PDF file as specified below:

Subject Line: Bloedel Affiliate Application

To: Wendy James – wsjames@uw.edu

Questions about the Program or Application Process:

Call or email with questions to Wendy James at 206.616.4105 / 303.941.4952, or wsjames@uw.edu.