



# DEAFNESS FOUNDATION PHD TOP-UP SCHOLARSHIP

## 2024 Guidelines

The Deafness Foundation aims to enhance the lives of people with hearing loss through supporting research that can lead to direct and tangible benefit. To fulfill this aim, the Deafness Foundation is offering two top-up PhD scholarships for PhDs starting in 2025 to encourage research into areas of need that fit with our vision.

The specific areas of research focus for this round in 2024 are as follows:

- *Enhancing and fast-tracking early intervention*: Both early detection and early intervention are needed for optimal language development. Projects in this theme will aim to fast-track the process to achieve optimal intervention.
- *Optimising hearing care using implementation science*: Implementation science is about enabling clinics and clinicians to implement changes in practice (e.g. introduction of new technology or new clinical procedures or practices) that improve outcomes for the patients or clinics.
- *Optimising non-device interventions for hearing loss*: Hearing instruments are not always the solution (or the whole solution) for people with hearing loss. Projects in this theme will address the need for a more holistic approach to the needs of people with hearing loss.

We invite potential PhD supervisors to propose a PhD project that addresses one or more of the above themes using the provided **application template**. Selection criteria will be Scientific Quality (including feasibility) [60%] and potential impact in the selected focus area(s) [40%].

### Procedures:

1. After notification that a proposal has been accepted, the supervisor's University must advertise the project as a scholarship opportunity with a top-up amount and recruit a student of sufficient capability to win a competitive PhD scholarship.
2. Once a student has been selected and enrolled, a financial agreement will be made between the University and the Deafness Foundation whereby the Deafness Foundation will contribute \$10,000 for each of three years (or pro rata for part time study), provided that evidence of adequate progress has been reported by the student and/or their supervisor.
3. A yearly report showing satisfactory progress is required at the end of year 1 and year 2 to trigger payment for the following year, and a final report is required.
4. The Foundation must be acknowledged in any reports, presentations, manuscripts that arise from the project, and reserves the right to use such material that is in the public domain to support the mission of the Foundation.

### Timelines:

	DATE
APPLICATIONS OPEN	15/07/24
APPLICATIONS CLOSE	16/08/24
WINNING PROPOSAL NOTIFIED	23/08/24
STUDENT SELECTED AND ENROLLED	28/02/25