

# 2012 SPABA Grant Competition

Now accepting Research and Application/Dissemination Proposals



## COMPETITION OBJECTIVE

The Speech Pathology and Applied Behavior Analysis SIG (SPABA) provides *one annual Research Grant* and *one annual Application or Dissemination Grant* to ABAI members who conduct empirical research or raise awareness about behavior analysis among speech and language pathologists (SLPs). Research Projects should advance the evidence base for behavior-analytic conceptualization or treatment of speech, language, communication, and feeding disorders. Application or Dissemination Projects should involve effective use of the science-based principles of behavior by SLPs OR distribution of accurate information about the science-based field of behavior analysis among SLPs.

## AWARD

A grant of \$250.00 will be awarded to **one grant proposal in each category**. Each completed application will entitle the applicant to one year of free membership in the SPABA SIG.

## APPLICANTS

- Applicants must be a member of Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI).
- Applicants for the Research Grant must be a graduate student enrolled in a Masters or PhD program in Speech-Language Pathology, Behavior Analysis, Psychology, Special Education, or a related field.
- Applicants for the Application or Dissemination Grant may be graduate students or practitioners.

## ELIGIBLE PROPOSAL ACTIVITIES

- Empirical Research Project:
  - Projects can be new or ongoing.
  - Thesis or other research projects that are a requirement for completion of a graduate program are eligible activities.
  - Unpublished, completed research will also be considered.
- Application or Dissemination Project:
  - Projects can be new or ongoing.
  - Projects must reflect the mission of SPABA.
  - Projects must demonstrate effective application of behavioral technologies by SLPs OR dissemination of behavior analysis to SLPs.
    - *Examples of eligible projects include: clinical case studies; original newsletters, pamphlets, websites, presentations, or training materials designed to educate SLPs about the science-based field of behavior analysis.*

## PROPOSAL (all components are required)

1. Application Form (below) and proof of ABAI membership (e.g., receipt available in your ABAI portal account).
2. Proposal (5 pages maximum, not including references – double spaced, 1" margins, 10 pt font minimum)

### **Proposals should include the following components for reviewers to evaluate:**

- Empirical Research Category:
    - Outline of research plans including the research question, rationale, and 2-5 references that set the occasion for your study.
    - Description of methods including: a reliable system of measurement; an experimental design appropriate for the research question; technological descriptions of all procedures; descriptions of relevant principles of behavior.
    - Statement of how the study contributed to the science of behavior or the practice of ABA.
  - Application or Dissemination Category:
    - Outline of project plans including your objectives, rationale, and 2-5 references used to develop the idea or materials.
    - Description of methods including: behavioral goals; a reliable system of measurement; technological descriptions of all procedures; descriptions of relevant principles of behavior.
    - Statement of how the project changed a client's behavior or contributed to the understanding of science-based principles of behavior among SLPs.
3. Letter of support from project supervisor (1/2 page maximum) – The letter should confirm that you are a full-time student (Research Grant, only) and that you are primarily responsible (e.g., principal investigator, project coordinator) for the submitted proposal.
  4. Curriculum vitae – Please provide a copy of your current vitae.

### **REVIEW COMMITTEE CRITERIA**

- A panel of three reviewers will independently score each proposal on the following criteria: relevance to behavior analysis and SLP, clarity and feasibility of project plan, and anticipated or documented contribution to behavior-analytic research or practice. The authors of one Research Project and one Application or Dissemination Project with the highest average score will receive a \$250 grant.

### **REPORT BY GRANT RECIPIENTS**

- If your proposal is funded, you are *required* to present your project at the Speech Pathology Special Interest Group meeting held annually during the ABAI conference. *The 2012 ABAI convention will be held May 25-29, 2012 in Seattle, WA. For more information, go to [www.abainternational.org](http://www.abainternational.org).* All applicants will be informed of competition results by **Friday, April 27, 2012.**

### **GRANT COMPETITION CHECKLIST**

- Completed Application Form
- Proposal (maximum 5 pages, not including references)
- Letter of Support
- Curriculum Vitae

### **SUBMISSION**

Submit proposals electronically in Microsoft Word (.doc) or Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) by **Friday, March 23, 2012 at 11:59PM** to:

Dr. Laura Grow  
laura.grow@ubc.ca  
Subject Line: SPABA Grant Competition

*Applicants will be notified via e-mail if they are a recipient or non-recipient by Friday, April 27. For this reason, please notify Dr. Grow of any change to your e-mail address.*

## 2012 Application Form



### PROPOSAL CATEGORY

Research Project

Application / Dissemination Project

### PRINCIPAL APPLICANT

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Last Name

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First Name(s)

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Mailing Address

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City

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State/Province

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Zip/Postal Cod

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Phone Number

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Fax

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E-Mail Address

**CURRENT EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION** ( Check if not applicable)

\_\_\_\_\_  
University

\_\_\_\_\_  
Program

\_\_\_\_\_  
Degree

\_\_\_\_\_  
Year of expected graduation

### OTHER RELEVANT AFFILIATION

\_\_\_\_\_  
Job Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Organization

**MENTOR** ( Check if not applicable)

Designated advisor who will mentor this project: \_\_\_\_\_

### CO-AUTHOR(S)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name

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First Name(s)

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Affiliation

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### PROTECTION OF HUMAN SUBJECTS

Grant recipients must obtain participant consent and IRB approval to conduct and present their projects.

Do you have approval to conduct and present this project?

Yes  No  N/A

Will you seek approval to conduct and present this project?

Yes  No  N/A

Through which agency or institution will you apply for approval?

If your project does not require approval, please explain.

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