



MONTHLY UPDATE

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Chair's message

Dear Members,

Happy new year to all BSA members and I hope that everyone had the chance for some relaxation time over the festive break.

I would like to begin the year by encouraging some good will and positivity! Many of the BSA awards were created to honour remarkable individuals; pioneers in the profession and are a great way to identify and celebrate the achievements of



Read the full Chairs message below.

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BSA Scientific Meeting 2024

Our Scientific Meeting will be taking place on the **17th and 18th of June 2024** at the **BCEC in Birmingham**.

The BSA Scientific meeting continues to be the leading UK scientific forum to bring together clinicians and researchers who have an interest in hearing, tinnitus and balance.

Keep an eye out as the event will be launching soon.

Save the date for now so that you can join us at the **BCEC on the 17th and 18th of June 2024**.

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BSA Awards

BSA award prizes annually.

It is a great honour to be nominated for and to receive a BSA prize so please take time to think about who you know that deserves this recognition.

Nominations are now invited for all the below awards but specifically those highlighted:

- **The Thomas Simm Littler Lecturship Prize in recognition of an academic contribution to the discipline of audiology.**
- **The Ruth Spencer Prize in recognition of outstanding undergraduate Audiology work.**

- *The George Harris People's Choice Award nominated by a service user or a family member or friend of a service user, this award is in recognition of significant impact to a service user or contribution in the field of adult rehabilitation or paediatric habilitation. Consider advertising this award to your service users and how they can nominate members of your team.
- **The Denzil Books Award in recognition of a significant contribution to the promotion of excellence in audiological practice throughout their career. This could include promotion of excellence through leadership, development of guidance or contributions to clinical education.**
- **David Baguley Mentorship Award in recognition of those offering excellence in mentorship and supporting the development of others.**
- **Honorary Life Membership in recognition of long-standing BSA members who have significantly contributed to the aims of the BSA.**

*With the notable exception of the George Harris People's Choice award, please note that for other awards both nominee and nominator must be a member of BSA.

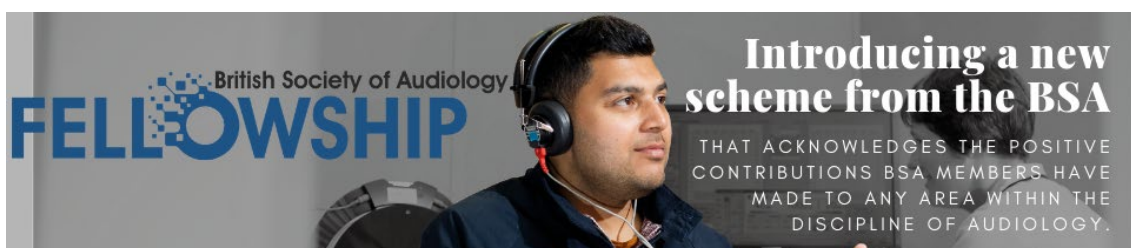
Please see the criteria details in the accompanying Awards Guidance document.

Please would you submit your nominations for these prizes to bsa@thebsa.org.uk using the accompanying nomination form. If you would like to informally discuss your nomination with the awards team prior to submission please let us know via the same e mail address.

If you would like your nominee to be considered at the March BSA Council meeting please make your submission by the **1st March 2024**.

For more information and to apply, please click below.

[*Read here*](#)



BSA Fellowship - Final Reminder

Please be advised that the **18th Fellowship cohort** is now open to all to apply until **Friday 1st March 2024**.

To review the process and to apply, please click below.

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Fellowship Testimonials



Dr Gareth Smith
Principal Fellow of the British Society
of Audiology

Why did you apply for the BSA Fellowship
Scheme?

"I was a council member when the idea of a fellowship scheme was first discussed. I felt the scheme allowed members to demonstrate their commitment to audiology and equally allowed BSA to celebrate that contribution – it was a win win for the Society and the Members."

Public Consultation – Recommended Procedure – Pure-tone air-conduction and bone-conduction threshold audiometry with and without masking

Open: 8 January 2024

Closes: 23:59, 11 March 2024

The British Society of Audiology's Professional Guidance Group is conducting a thorough review of the current guidance and associated evidence. As pure-tone audiometry is at the heart of audiologists' work, we are seeking comments on the existing document prior to its revision. We wish to encourage comment from as diverse a range of stakeholders as possible, and to understand current practice in relation to the current guidance.

To review and repond to this consultation, please click below.

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Recommended Procedure - Visual Reinforcement **Audiometry for Infants**

The British Society of Audiology is pleased to advise that following consultation the Recommended Procedure - Visual Reinforcement, has now been updated and it is ready for you to access and utilise again.

To review this please have a look in the current guidance section of the BSA website, or click below.

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BSA Online Learning



Dr Efstratia Papoutselou is a Research Fellow in the Division of Neuroscience and the University of Nottingham.

She was a recipient of the Roger Thornton Award to attend the BSA Scientific Meeting where she shared her research into parent implemented therapies for deaf children receiving cochlear implants.

In particular, she discusses the implications on CI rehabilitation success of family factors such as parental involvement, self-efficacy and linguistic input.

Please click here to view -

<https://bsaonlinelearning.talkingslideshd.com/view?presentation=27627>

To find out more about BSA Online Learning, please click below.

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News

Global Outreach

Global Outreach is the BSA's work related to audiology in low-resource settings.

To register your general interest, visit <https://forms.office.com/e/vZEhbB1A10>

You can also express interest by changing your preferences on the BSA website by logging in and ticking the Global Outreach box near the bottom of the page at <https://www.thebsa.org.uk/amember/signup>.

We have new (desk-based) projects running. Does this spark your curiosity? All are welcome.

Say hello or learn more via outreach@thebsa.org.uk

There is a new Global Outreach [page](#) and new resources under development. Watch this space!

**BSA ARIG NEEDS YOU! – Assistive listening devices (ALDs):
service provision and variations in practice**



**Assistive listening
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**WE NEED
YOU!**



**Scan the QR code
to express an interest
in informing our
practice guidance in
this area.**

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The BSA Accreditation Group are recruiting!

The Accreditation Group plays a key role in defining the standards for audiology courses and accrediting courses that meet the requirements, providing BSA certificates for a range of audiological procedures. This is a crucial aspect of the BSA's role in supporting audiology services in the UK and depends on the commitment of our members.

If you would like to have an influence on audiology training in the UK, and are able to give us some of your time, then please contact bsa@thebsa.org.uk for more information.

Survey - Generating priorities for future dementia and hearing research: A James Lind Alliance Priority Setting Partnership

The Co-existing Dementia and Hearing Conditions Priority Setting Partnership (PSP) is working with people living with dementia and/or hearing conditions, their supporters and families, and their clinicians to identify uncertainties about risk reduction, diagnosis, and treatment for these conditions. The PSP is being led by the NIHR Nottingham Biomedical Research Centre (BRC) in partnership with Alzheimer's Research UK (ARUK) and RNID.

They would like to invite you to complete a short survey to tell them what questions you have about dementia and hearing conditions. This will help ensure that future dementia and hearing research focuses on the areas that matter most to you. The survey was created by people living with dementia and/or hearing conditions, their supporters, researchers, and clinicians.

Everyone aged 18 years and above can take part, and the survey will take around 10 minutes to complete.

The survey opened on the **13th November 2023 and will close on 13th February 2024.**

To complete this survey, please click below.

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Survey – University of Cambridge – Audiologist's Questionnaire

The University of Cambridge would like to invite you to participate in a survey via a group group of their researchers, who are preparing a case for commissioning hearing checks in residential special schools. They are interested in understanding the experiences of children, young people, their families, and their educators when seeking ear or hearing care and would be grateful if you could help them by completing a questionnaire for audiologists.

The closing date is **23rd January 2024**.

To complete this survey, please click below.

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Survey – Knowledge and practice in cochlear re-implantation in the UK- A survey for cochlear implant audiologists

CI Audiologists are invited to volunteer in taking part in the online survey: Knowledge and practice in cochlear re-implantation in the UK- A survey for cochlear implant audiologists.

The aim of this survey is to learn about the current trends in clinical practice for cochlear re-implantation across cochlear implant centres in the UK. The outcomes from this study will allow the sharing of knowledge, training requirements for audiologists working with hearing implants. The findings of this survey are intended to be presented at BCIG conference and also published in a scientific journal.

The closing date for the survey is **24th January 2024**.

To complete this survey, please click below.

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Survey – Aston University “Exploring the future of remote care for adults with hearing aids within the UK

Aston University Student and BSA member, Charlotte White, is currently recruiting audiologists for a masters project as part of the Scientist Training Programme. The

title is 'Exploring the future of remote care for adults with hearing aids within the UK'.

The aim of the study to gather a range of audiology clinicians' perspectives and views on remote fine tuning of hearing aids.

To this end, as an audiologist who has experience fitting hearing aids to adults within the NHS, Charlotte would like to invite you to an online semi-structured interview lasting approximately 45 minutes in order to gather a range of perspectives.

The closing date for any interest is **23rd February 2024**.

To complete this survey, please click below.

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Funded Research Opportunities for Scottish Healthcare Scientists

BSA would like to advise our members on a funded research opportunity for Scottish healthcare scientists, **CSO are offering NHS Researcher Development Fellowships**.

CSO are offering NHS Researcher Development Fellowships aimed at NHS employees currently working as a Nurse, Midwife, allied health professional, pharmacist, healthcare scientist or other in a clinical role to enable them to explore research as part of their existing NHS role.

The fellowship can be used in a versatile way either providing a realistic introduction to research by participating in a research study and receiving mentorship and support regarding the next steps, or for candidates who already have some research experience as a way to develop additional skills and in some cases the time and mentorship to develop a competitive PhD fellowship application.

This is also an opportunity for experienced NHS researchers to mentor and support health professionals at the start of their research journey. – Closing Date for applications **Wednesday 31st January 2024**.

For more information and to apply for this opportunity, please click below.

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2024 BMA Foundation grants now open

The BMA Foundation awards research grants each year (totalling approximately £910,000) to encourage and further medical research in a variety of areas.

One of these grants, the Philip Baker grant, is to assist research into Ménière's disease. Applications are invited from registered medical practitioners or research scientists working in the UK and the project must relate to the UK only. They can be for either research in progress or prospective research.

This grant, and other BMA Foundation grants are now **open** for online application via the BMA Foundation.

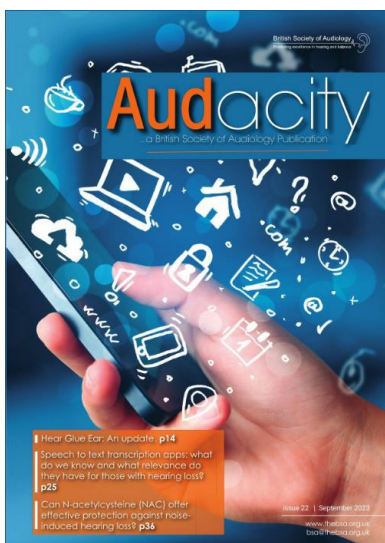
The application deadline is **1st March 2024**.

For more information and to apply for the BMA Foundation grants, please click below.

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Audacity

The Autumn 2023 Audacity edition is now out!



The March 2024 edition of Audacity is finally coming together thanks to our wonderful contributors! We are going through the final editing touches, and we should have a very interesting series of articles on your screen in a few weeks! If you would like to get in touch, please email audacity@thebsa.org.uk. For previous editions, you may follow this link:

<https://www.thebsa.org.uk/news-and-publications/audacity-magazine/editions/>

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(members only) click on the link below

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BSA Accredited Courses

To view all current BSA Accredited Courses, please click below.

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Advance your career with the UCL Ear Institute

Are you thinking about improving your knowledge and skills? At the UCL Ear Institute they provide world leading teaching in audiology, and their courses are delivered by some of the most influential researchers and clinicians in the field of audiology, hearing and deafness.

Their programmes draw on the expertise of senior clinicians from the NHS and private sector, including the associated Royal National Ear Nose & Throat and Eastman Dental Hospital.

They have a variety of courses depending on your experience and qualifications:

- If you have a BSc in Audiology or equivalent and would like to study for a postgraduate qualification, then **Advanced Audiology MSc** is for you. They have a variety of specialist modules for you to choose from and part time and flexible options mean you can study while working.
- If you are an ATO or Associate Audiologist and would like to qualify as an audiologist our **MSc Audiological Science with Clinical Practice** is for you if you have an undergraduate degree in a relevant discipline.

UCL Ear Institute Excellence Scholarships

Four scholarships, worth £3,000 each, are available to exceptional postgraduate students applying for 2024 entry.

For more information and to apply, please click below

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Full details of upcoming events can be found at: <https://www.thebsa.org.uk/events-and-online-learning/>

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