



OAR Announces 2019 Applied Research Grant Recipients

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ARLINGTON, VA – The Organization for Autism Research (OAR) is pleased to announce the winners of the 2019 Applied Research Competition. This program awards up to \$40,000 to researchers and professionals conducting applied autism research. This year, OAR's Board of Directors authorized funding for eight new grants totaling \$319,462. With these additions, OAR has awarded more than \$4 million in grants since 2002.

OAR received 148 pre-proposals during the first round, the most in the history of the program. Of those, OAR invited 45 researchers to submit full proposals. Only 16 full proposals advanced to the final review. Members of the OAR Scientific Council, a group of autism professionals from a variety of fields and backgrounds, reviewed and scored each proposal. In the end, they identified eight studies as the most outstanding.

Congratulations to the 2019 applied grant recipients:

Helping Optimize Language Acquisition (HOLA): Online Parent Training Modules for Latinx Parents of Toddlers at Risk for ASD

Robin Dodds, Ph.D.

California State University Los Angeles (CSULA), Los Angeles, California

Developing a diagnosis-specific training and treatment protocol for youth with autism spectrum disorder admitted to acute general psychiatry units

Jill Cherie Fodstad, Ph.D., BCBA-D

Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, Indiana

A Pilot Study of Outpatient Mental Health Crisis Screening in Youth and Young Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder

Luther Kalb, Ph.D. & Roma Vasa, M.D.

Hugo W. Moser Research Institute at Kennedy Krieger, Inc., Baltimore, Maryland

Piloting an Integrated Anxiety Intervention for Preschool Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder

Amy Keefer, Ph.D.

Hugo W. Moser Research Institute at Kennedy Krieger, Inc., Baltimore, Maryland

Supporting the Most Vulnerable: A Randomized Feasibility Trial of Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Youth with ASD

Christina McDonnell, Ph.D., Angela Scarpa, Ph.D., & Tom Ollendick, Ph.D.

Virginia Tech Autism Clinic & Center for Autism Research, Blacksburg, Virginia

Autistic Transgender and Gender-Diverse Adults

Anna van der Miesen, M.D., John Strang, Psy.D., & Meng-Chuan Lai, M.D., Ph.D.
VU University Medical Center and Children's National Medical Center, Amsterdam,
Netherlands

**Systematic Adaptation of Evidence-based Resources to Support Adults with ASD in
Community Settings**

Jessica Suhrheinrich, Ph.D.
San Diego State University, San Diego, California

OAR is accepting applications for the 2020 Applied Research Competition starting December 6, 2019 through March 23, 2020 at 11:59 PM ET. More information on the application process, including the Request for Proposals (RFP) and Budget Guidelines, can be accessed [here](#).

For questions or comments, please contact Kimberly Ha, Research and Programs Director at (703) 243-9762 or e-mail kha@researchautism.org.

About OAR: The Organization for Autism Research (OAR) is a national non-profit organization formed and led by relatives of children and adults with autism. OAR is dedicated to promoting research that can be applied to help families, educators, caregivers, and individuals with autism find much-needed answers to their immediate and urgent questions. Learn more at their website: www.researchautism.org.

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