



OAR Announces 2020 Applied Research Grant Recipients

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ARLINGTON, VA – The Organization for Autism Research (OAR) is pleased to announce the winners of the 2020 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 \$240,000. With these additions, OAR has awarded more than \$4.2 million in grants since 2002.

OAR received 195 pre-proposals during the first round, the most in the history of the program. Of those, OAR invited 44 researchers to submit full proposals. Only 18 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 six studies as the most outstanding.

Congratulations to the 2020 applied grant recipients:

Feasibility of Parent Training Via Telepractice for Rural Families of Children with Autism

Cynthia Anderson, Ph.D., BCBA-D & Ryan Martin, Ph.D.
May Institute, Randolph, Massachusetts

Developing supports to address mental health needs of autistic students in postsecondary education

Vanessa Bal, Ph.D. & Evan Kleiman, Ph.D.
Rutgers University - New Brunswick, Piscataway, New Jersey

Is Universal Suicide Screening in the ED Universally Effective? Considerations for Youth with ASD

Paige E. Cervantes, Ph.D. & Sarah M. Horwitz, Ph.D.
Bellevue Hospital, New York, New York

Facing Your Fears On Campus

Brian Freedman, Ph.D. & Jessica Monahan, Ph.D.
University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware

Optimized Father Coaching to Advance Communication Skills for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder

Michelle Flippin, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, Adam Moore, Ph.D.
University of Rhode Island, Kingston, Rhode Island

Parents Taking Action to Improve Autism Services Access for Navajo Families in

Northern Arizona

Olivia Lindly, Ph.D., MPH

Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Arizona

OAR is accepting applications for the 2021 Applied Research Competition from December 4, 2020 through March 22, 2021 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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