



OAR Awards 2022 Graduate Research Grants

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ARLINGTON, VA – The Organization for Autism Research (OAR) is pleased to announce the recipients of its 2022 [Graduate Research Grants](#). This program, open to graduate students pursuing master’s or doctoral degrees, awards up to \$1,000 and \$2,000 respectively to those conducting research related to autism as part of their graduate studies. This year, OAR is awarding eight grants totaling \$13,655. With these grants, OAR has awarded over \$305,755 in research grants to 179 graduate researchers since 2003.

OAR received 32 study proposals this year from graduate students across the United States. Members of the OAR Scientific Council, a group of 20 autism professionals from a variety of fields and backgrounds, reviewed and scored each proposal. Their evaluation was based on three key criteria:

- Alignment with OAR’s research priorities
- Methodological soundness
- Relevance of potential findings for those affected by autism

In keeping with OAR’s dedication to high-quality research, only the best of the best proposals were selected for funding. Commenting after selecting the winning proposals, Dr. Peter Gerhardt, the founding Chairman of OAR’s Scientific Council said: “OAR’s Graduate Grant program is, personally, one of my favorite programs we offer. In many ways, I see it as an investment in the future of both quality research and talented researchers.”

Congratulations to the 2022 grant recipients:

Katie Alvarez, University of Oregon

Cultural Adaptation of Prevent-Teach-Reinforce for Hispanic/Latine Children with Autism

Nathan Dare, University of Missouri-Columbia

Betwixt and Between: Exploration of Liminal Experiences for Families of Children with Autism Throughout the Diagnostic and Initiation of Intervention Processes

Faith Frost, James Madison University

Interpretation of Indirect Requests by Autistic Adults

Jessica Goldblum, University of North Carolina

Toddler Remote Assessment of Virtual Eye Tracking and Language (TRAVEL) Study

Amani Khalil, Purdue University

Understanding the Help-Seeking Experiences of Asian American Caregivers of Children with Autism: A Qualitative Study

Jessica Pappagianopoulos, University of Virginia

Role-Playing Game-Based Social Skills Intervention for Autistic Adolescents: A Pilot Study

Rachel Rivera, University of Rochester

Persistent Picky Eating: Investigating the Developmental Phenomenon in Autistic and Non-autistic Young Adults

Emily Thompson, Vanderbilt University

Effects of Remote Microphone System Use in Home Environments of Preschool Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

For inquiries regarding the Graduate Research Grant Program or for more information on the 2023 funding cycle, please [visit the website](#) or contact OAR at 703-243-3466; e-mail research@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 spectrum disorders. 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 Web site: www.researchautism.org.

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