What it means to be a Bloedel Affiliate

What is required to be a Virginia Merrill Bloedel Hearing Research Center Affiliate?

- A faculty appointment at the University of Washington;
- An advanced degree (MD or PhD), or significant research in lieu of an advanced degree;
- Currently involved in research relevant to the mission of the Bloedel Center;
- Approved by the Affiliate Liaison Committee;
- Independent researcher: Examples of demonstrating independence include: designated research space, active participation in an independent research project, history of research funding (including work with collaborators), and Primary Investigator status at UW.

What are an Affiliate’s responsibilities?

- Advance Hearing and Balance Research at UW, nationally and globally;
- Nominate new Affiliates;
- Help with Bloedel Center fundraising.

What are the opportunities for Affiliates?

As a Virginia Merrill Bloedel Hearing Research Center Affiliate you have many opportunities to enhance laboratory collaborations at a senior level. Please see a brief explanation of the programs below. To take advantage of these funded programs, applicants must be a UW faculty in good standing and must be an Affiliate of the Center.

**Bloedel Mini-Grants**

The purpose of the Bloedel Mini-Grant is to support new and innovative auditory and vestibular research projects by University of Washington faculty. Grant recipients must be an established investigator, either in the auditory/vestibular field or in another area with the desire to embark on hearing and balance research. Two types of Mini-Grant Awards are available:

- A maximum of $10,000 will be awarded for one grant submitted by the application deadline (Announcement October & Submission due early December).
- A maximum of $5,000 will be awarded for two grants submitted throughout the year. Reminders to apply will be sent quarterly.

**Bloedel Traveling Scientist**

Through this program, the Virginia Merrill Bloedel Hearing Research Center fosters scientific research exchanges and continuing education for scientists through the Traveling/Visiting Scientist exchange program. This program allows Affiliates and their immediate family to travel to other universities to conduct short-term collaborations. It also enables Affiliates to bring colleagues and their immediate family from institutions world-wide to share knowledge and collaborate on key initiatives here. Affiliates can apply throughout the calendar year for a stipend to cover some travel and living expenses for visiting, or, for hosting a visiting scientist from another institution. Reminders to apply will be sent quarterly.

**Bloedel Scholar**

This endowed position is a three-year appointment that funds a portion of the awardee’s salary to enable research enhancement by lessening teaching or administrative duties. To be eligible for the Bloedel Scholar award, applicants must be regular tenure-track faculty affiliates who hold external research funding.
*Bloedel Affiliate Application*

**Applicant Information:**

Name:

Degree Level:       Academic rank:

Department(s):       Box:

Email:

Office Phone:

Lab Website Address:

**Application Letter Requirements:**

1. Include a signed cover letter addressed to the “Affiliate Liaison Committee” that states your intentions.

2. Provide the following information about your research experience (2 page maximum):
   a. A brief statement of your major research interest and other academic activities at the UW.
   b. A brief explanation of how you meet the requirements for Affiliate status.
   c. A list of your research projects relevant to hearing, balance, or a related field.
   d. A list of other non-hearing related research.

**Supporting Document Requirements:**

( ) Curriculum Vitae or biosketch

( ) Please request a current Bloedel Affiliate to submit a letter of recommendation on your behalf.

**Signature of applicant:**

_________________________________________________________________________ Date: _______________________

**Application submission:**

Submit applications via email as one PDF file as specified below:

    Subject Line: Bloedel Affiliate Application
    To: Wendy Parkinson – parkiw@uw.edu

**Questions about the Program or Application Process:**

Call or email with questions to Wendy Parkinson at 206-616-4105, or parkiw@uw.edu.