



Project ASSIST Scholar Application

The purpose of Project ASSIST (*Advancing Student Success through Interdisciplinary Scholar Training: Preparation Program for Teachers of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing and Audiologists*) is to prepare highly qualified professionals with the knowledge and skills necessary to facilitate successful collaboration between teachers of the deaf/hard of hearing and pediatric/educational audiologists who will support school-age children who are deaf/hard of hearing.

To support students selected for this specialized training, Project ASSIST scholars will receive grant support totaling \$20,000 and up to \$2,000 in conference travel support. Project ASSIST is fully funded and managed by the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). As such, scholars must strictly adhere to [OSEP's requirements and rules](#). If funded, scholars will be required to provide special education or related services for infants, toddlers, and children with disabilities for two years for every academic year that funding is provided. *If accepted, Project ASSIST scholars will be required to complete the OSEP pre-service agreement.*

Eligibility:

Individuals who are seeking a master's degree (MEd) and license/endorsement in teaching children who are DHH in K-12 may apply. To participate in this project, **scholars will need to apply and be accepted into the special education master's program**. Note that, other than information provided by you in this application, your SPED GPA will also be considered in the review process.

Deadline and Submission:

Applications for Cohort 3 (will start summer, 2023) are due **March 1st, 2023**. Submit this application by email to Nicole.Pilling@utah.edu.

For more information contact:

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To complete this application, copy the following text into a word document, fill out, and then email to Nicole.pilling@utah.edu

Project ASSIST Scholar Application

Name:

Email Address:

uNID (if known):

Mailing Address:

Phone Number:

Project ASSIST, the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, and the Department of Special Education consistently aim to recruit scholars from underrepresented groups (e.g., disability, race, color, national origin, gender, and/or regional areas of need). Individuals from underrepresented populations and/or first-generation college students are encouraged to apply for this funding.

Are you a first generation student (i.e., your parent(s) did not complete a 4-year college or university degree)? YES | NO

Do you consider yourself a career-switcher or someone who is returning to the workforce (e.g., 4-year degree and a minimum of 3 years' work experience in an area other than teaching)? YES | NO If YES, please explain:

Do you or have you ever served in a national service program (e.g., military, Peace Corps, AmeriCorps)? YES | NO If YES, please explain:

Please describe any Teaching Assistant/Volunteer/Work experience that you feel is relevant to consider during your application. Limit explanations of this experience to 1-2 sentences per role. If you already have a list of these experiences on your resume, feel free to copy and paste that information into this section.

In as much detail as possible, please explain:

I. Why you are interested in becoming a Project ASSIST scholar?

II. What personal attributes make you a *strong* candidate for Project ASSIST?

III. Share an experience or two that have led you to want to learn more about supporting school-age children with hearing loss.