



# British Aphasiology Society Special Award

A funding opportunity for aspiring clinical academics with an interest in jargon aphasia.

## Overview

Due to a generous bequest, the British Aphasiology Society is launching this one-off special award. The funding will be awarded to a clinician who is interested in research for the benefit of people with jargon aphasia. The award should support a Speech and Language Therapist to engage with research activity in this area and should fund activity that could lead towards publications and/or further research activity and/or training.

Amount: up to £5000

## Application Process Overview

First call – end March 2021 with a deadline of 14 June 2021.

This will be a similar process to the BAS Initiatives in Aphasia Seed Fund. Applicants will be required to submit a CV and an application form to [seedfund@bas.org.uk](mailto:seedfund@bas.org.uk).

Review process: Two BAS committee members, an academic external to BAS, and a lay reviewer with experience of jargon aphasia will review each application and present their views to the seed fund coordinator who will then collect references and report on eligibility for funding to the committee for a final decision. Reviewers will be asked to comment on:

- suitability of the proposed project in meeting the funding eligibility and aims,
- suitability of the applicant to carry out the proposed project,
- coherence of the project plan,
- innovation of the proposed project,
- appropriateness of costings,
- and lasting impact for people with jargon aphasia.

A person with aphasia will also review an accessible summary (with support, as necessary) and share their view on the applications with the committee.

Should the call not identify a successful applicant, there will be further calls in the Autumn of 2021 and Spring of 2022.



Final report: 500-word summary for the BAS newsletter, plus an aphasia-friendly poster or video report for the BAS website (see details below) and short (one page of A4) report on how funds were spent.

## Information for Applicants

This award is funded via a generous bequest from the family of a person who experienced severe jargon aphasia and who struggled to benefit from SLT support or from technology-based therapy. The funding will be awarded to a Speech and Language Therapist working in clinical practice who demonstrates that the funding would be used to support them to carry out research activity in this area that would ultimately benefit people with jargon aphasia and their families/carers. The successful applicant should be pre-PhD level and should justify use of the funding towards continued research activity. Examples of possible uses include (but are not restricted to):

- undertaking a research Masters qualification with project focus on jargon aphasia,
- backfill for clinical time to carry out pilot research activities,
- payment for the time and support of a named academic mentor (capped at up to £1000 of the total award),
- budget-level travel and accommodation expenses to present innovative clinical work on jargon aphasia at a conference or to conduct international exchange visits to share good practice and promote collaboration.

Funding of up to £5000 is available to the successful applicant and this is a one-off award. The funding can also be used to supplement other research activity funding that the applicant has already secured (they would need to provide evidence of this). The award will not fund:

- PhD fees,
- subsistence beyond the budget-level flights or accommodation mentioned above,
- work that is not related to jargon aphasia,
- PhD students,
- purchase of resources or funding of routine clinical work,
- people who are not clinically qualified as a speech and language therapist.



The BAS committee reserve the right to decide not to make the award until an application is received that meets the criteria and is of a standard that warrants the funding.

The successful applicant is responsible for seeking advice about and, where appropriate, securing ethical approval for their project work from the appropriate ethics committee(s) and (if appropriate) their local NHS research and development team. This should include any plans to disseminate the work that might involve audio or video recordings and/or photographs of research participants. The successful applicant will be asked to provide the BAS committee with documentation to confirm that the necessary approvals are in place, or are not required, prior to the release of funds.

BAS recognizes that funding of this nature may span over a period of perhaps 2-3 years, e.g., in the case of an applicant undertaking part-time Masters level study who has applied for funding to pay university fees. If this is the case, it may be necessary/appropriate for the funding to be awarded in instalments or directly to an institution. This will be at the discretion of the BAS Committee. Please note that funding paid directly to an individual may represent taxable income and it is the grant recipient's responsibility to declare this to HMRC as necessary.

Successful applicants agree to **acknowledge the support of the BAS Special Award for Jargon Aphasia** during their project work and at any associated events or dissemination of project outputs (by using the BAS logo on materials, etc.).

Successful applicants are required to submit an annual update including a summary of funds spent to date – this document should be no longer than 1 page of A4 and should be emailed to [seedfund@bas.org.uk](mailto:seedfund@bas.org.uk)

At the end of the project, the award recipient is required to submit a **Final Report** that summarises their activities and key outcomes. The Final Report will take the form of a 500-word (maximum length) summary for inclusion in the BAS newsletter, plus an aphasia-friendly summary for the BAS website that takes the form of EITHER (i) a poster (created in PowerPoint or similar, and submitted as a pdf) OR (ii) a video report of maximum length 5 minutes (choice of poster/video lies with funded individuals). In addition, a final one-page report on how funds were spent is required (with receipts attached). The deadline for submission of these documents and materials to [seedfund@bas.org.uk](mailto:seedfund@bas.org.uk) is one month after the end of the project. Posters/video reports will be uploaded to the BAS website. All applicants are asked to refer to the “checklist for applicants” below when preparing their application.



Successful applicants agree that any unspent funding at the end of the project will be returned to BAS. The BAS committee reserves the right to query any spending that deviates from the project application and may ask the recipient to provide further justification or, if the use of funding is deemed inappropriate, to return some/all of the funding.

### Eligibility:

The lead applicant must be a **member of BAS** and **based in the UK**.

### Application process:

The applicant should email their completed application to [seedfund@bas.org.uk](mailto:seedfund@bas.org.uk), which must include:

- Fully completed application form (downloadable from the BAS website).
- An up-to-date CV, which should detail all educational and employment history and any other experience relevant to the proposed project.
- A one-page aphasia-accessible summary of the proposed project.
- Names and contact details for two referees, one of which should be able to comment on the applicant's academic credentials.

The deadline for applications is **10pm on Monday 14 June 2021**.

### Checklist for applicants:

Prior to submitting your application, please ensure you have included the following:

- Your completed application form?
- Your CV?
- Realistic costings for the project expenditure?
- Details for two referees?
- An aphasia-accessible project summary?

### Questions or queries

Any queries can be directed to the seed fund coordinator, Fiona Menger, via [seedfund@bas.org.uk](mailto:seedfund@bas.org.uk).