



Speech-Language & Audiology Canada
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Brief Summary of SAC Student Programs and Benefits

SAC is delighted to support speech-language pathology (S-LP) and audiology students and programs in Canada! Along with access to SAC's amazing library of professional resources and education opportunities, there are many ways that SAC works to support students, researchers and educational programs. These include:

1. **SAC Student Advisory Group (SAG):** This group is comprised of representatives from all university S-LP and audiology programs and chaired by the elected Student Board Director to represent issues affecting clinical master's students in communication sciences and disorders in Canada. We encourage you to ensure your program has representation. For continuity we suggest programs may want to have a Year 1 and Year 2 representative with the Year 1 acting in a supportive role.

Please submit name(s) and contact details for your S-LP and audiology representatives using this [sign-up form](#).

2. **SAC Scholarships:** Don't forget to encourage your students to apply for scholarships. Find scholarship information and application details [here](#).
3. **SAC Student Initiative Grant:** This exciting new program is to support creative student projects that align with the 3 pillars of SAC – Inform, Engage, and Advocate – with up to \$4000 of funding annually. Students can apply [here](#).
4. **Free Student memberships:** Student memberships with SAC are free for the duration of their time in the program. We are offering prizes for the programs with the highest proportional memberships. Sign up [here](#)
5. **SAC Student Conference Funding:** Students presenting research at the SAC conference are eligible for funding. Students can apply directly to the conference organizing committee upon selection of their submission. Contact events@sac-oac.ca for more information.

6. **SAC student information sessions**

- a. **General SAC information:** For Year 1 students; arrange by contacting membership@sac-oac.ca.
 - b. **CETP exam information:** Recommended for Year 2 students; arrange by contacting info@cetpexams.ca.
7. **SAC Working Group on Research Engagement and Dissemination:** SAC is looking to reimagine how we support and promote clinically relevant research. We are seeking motivated and innovative clinicians and researchers to aid in the development of a distinctly Canadian approach to knowledge dissemination. This will be a short-term commitment to help us better understand the value proposition of the existing research publications and resources and to inform our plans to revitalize our offerings in a way that best meet our members' needs.

This group will be comprised of Canadian researchers, clinicians and leaders from across Canada and from all areas of practice in S-LP and audiology. Interested individuals can apply [here](#).

8. **SAC engagement with Academic Coordinators of Clinical Education (ACCE)**
Professional Practice leads met recently with the clinical programs to explore ways SAC can support student placements and clinical education in Canada. Several key themes emerged including:

- SAC benefits to clinicians engaged in clinical educations (e.g. possible membership fee reduction or discount on PD for active clinical educators);
- SAC advocacy for rural and remote placement supports; and
- SAC resources for clinical educators such as the development of an SAC clinical education resource hub on our website.

Practice leads will continue to meet regularly with interested parties to support development of these and other joint initiatives.

9. **SAC clinical research grant:** [SAC's Clinical Research Grants](#) aim to build clinical research capacity in the fields of speech-language pathology and audiology in Canada. The grants provide an opportunity for SAC clinicians with limited or no research experience to contribute to the clinical evidence base. Each year, SAC may award up to two grants of \$5,000 each.

SAC looks forward to continuing to partner with the Canadian University programs in communication health sciences to support our professions.