Early-Career Scientists Secure Research Funding

Participants in ASHA’s Lessons for Success conference report funding success.

In a survey of 2010 and 2013 participants of ASHA’s Lessons for Success—an annual conference that provides in-depth training in grant preparation to early-career scientists—nearly 70 percent of each cohort reported securing research funding since participating in the conference. Of those who had submitted a grant proposal to the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD), 54 percent of the 2010 cohort and 33 percent of the 2013 cohort had been awarded funding.

Across all funding sources, proposal success rates were highest for intramural grants and extramural nonfederal grants, and for the 2010 (five years post-conference) cohort (see graphic).

Research proposal success rates, by research grant type and cohort

Note: Success rates were calculated by dividing the number of participants who were awarded funding for each grant type by the number of participants who applied for each grant type.

Several participants reported receiving more than one extramural grant.


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