



Karlsbad Swallowing Center
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Karlsbad to Christchurch Emerging Researcher Award

Worldwide, research into the physiology, pathophysiology and clinical management of swallowing impairment is rapidly expanding. The Karlsbader Dysphagie Forum has, for 10 years, provided a platform for integrating internationally conducted research into clinical practice in Germany and encouraging presentation of German research in an open, local forum. Beginning in 2010, The Karlsbader Dysphagie Forum will further its commitment to dysphagia research by offering the ***Karlsbad to Christchurch Emerging Researcher Award***.

Recipients of this award will receive a grant-in-aid **€2000** to be paid toward the purchase of airfare, registration or study of their choice at either:

- The Van der Veer Institute Swallowing Rehabilitation Research Laboratory at the University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand (either formal post-graduate study or research internship as can be arranged) or the
- Dysphagia Research Society Annual Meeting in 2012 in North America.

To qualify for the Award, applicants must:

- Submit a two page abstract to summarise their research to the selection committee by September 01, 2010 (see attached guidelines for submission). Submissions will be judged by an international review panel consisting of established researchers in the area of dysphagia diagnosis and management.
- Be available to attend and present as first-time first author of research at the 2011 Meeting of the Karlsbad Dysphagie Forum from April 27, 2011 to April 30, 2011. Do present your research in a 30min-oral-presentation to the audience of the Forum (please note: There is no cover for travel or accommodation; costs for participation and food will be reimbursed)
- Have completed an empirical research project to ask and answer a clinically driven research question.
- Have german as your native language and be a clinician (Speech and Language Therapist, SLT) working in Germany, Austria or Switzerland or SLT student studying within Germany, Austria, Switzerland or abroad.
- Be able to apply the funds to either option listed above by the end of the calendar year 2012. Recipients must understand that this is a grant-in-aid and is not considered sufficient to cover all costs.

For further information regarding this award, please contact:

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For further information regarding post graduate study at the University of Canterbury, or a research internship at the Swallowing Rehabilitation Research laboratory, please contact:

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For further information regarding the Annual Meeting of the Dysphagia Research Society, please refer to:

<http://www.dysphagiaresearch.org/>

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Guidelines for Abstract Submissions

The following guidelines are provided to assist you in submitting your abstract. Please follow these instructions carefully when completing your abstract. On completion, but before 01 September 2010, abstracts should be submitted in scientific English as a word document to Soenke Stanschus soenke.stanschus@gmx.de

1. Research submitted for presentation at the Karlsbad Dysphagia Forum should not have been previously published as a completed paper; research published previously only as an abstract is permissible for presentation. Research that has been presented previously at another meeting is acceptable for presentation at the Forum as well, but a disclosure of the previous presentation *must* be provided
2. The abstract submission must be prepared using no smaller than **11 pt Times New Roman Font**.
3. The length of the abstract submission must not exceed **two single-spaced A4 pages** including any figures or graphs, but excluding references. References should be provided as addendum.
4. **The TITLE** should be as brief as possible but long enough to indicate clearly the nature of the study.
5. This should be followed by a listing of **authors and affiliations**.
6. The abstract should be organized using the following headings:
 - a. **Purpose:** A clear purpose for the study should be provided with sufficient contextual review of background information to provide justification for the research question and design; clear hypotheses should be provided.
 - b. **Method(s):** A statement of methods should be of sufficient detail to allow for assessment of the suitability of research design for addressing the proposed hypotheses; approach to statistical procedures should be outlined.
 - c. **Result(s):** A summary of results obtained including statistical output.
 - d. **Conclusion(s):** A statement of conclusions reached. It is not satisfactory to state that: "The results will be discussed." Conclusions should include comment as to how your research findings support, negate or enhance the existing knowledge base.
7. ABBREVIATIONS should be defined in their first use within the abstract.
8. Simple tables or graphs (in black ink) may be included with the corresponding text.
9. Nonproprietary (generic) names are required the first time a drug is mentioned and are written in small letters. Proprietary names are capitalized, e.g., omeprazole (Prilosec)
10. All abstracts will be reviewed for their scientific merit by a judging panel of well known international researchers.
11. Abstracts comprised of isolated case reports or limited case series of exceptional scientific interest will be considered for acceptance, but there is an expectation that the Award recipient will have conducted empirical research.
12. Submissions which do not follow submission guidelines will be disqualified. The judging panel may also reject submissions which are deemed to have lower scientific merit, appear to violate ethical principles for treatment of research subjects, are not sufficiently relevant, and/or exhibit significant commercial bias.
13. Deadline for receipt of abstracts is midnight on **01 September 2010**. **PLEASE NOTE: Absolutely no deadline extensions will be available.**
14. The top three abstracts will be recognized at the 2011 Karlsbad Dysphagia Forum. The Award recipient will not be notified until the Award Presentation is made at the Forum.