

In October 2007, the AFA conducted its *Residential Au.D. Graduate Survey #2*. The survey was sent to approximately 700 eligible residential graduates via email. There were 49 respondents representing 24 out of 70 programs (about 34%). Participants graduated between 2001 and 2007, although 78% graduated in 2005 or later. The survey asked questions regarding the availability of financial assistance while attending, factors they used to select their program, clinical and 4th-year externship experiences, and membership in organizations, etc.

Residential Au.D. Graduate Survey #2*

Highlights:

- 82% of respondents indicated they received some type of financial assistance from their Au.D. program.
- Top deciding factors for attending their Au.D. program:
 - Caliber of professors: 44.9%
 - Caliber of in-house clinic: 42.9%
 - Home state: 32.7%
 - Cost/financial issues: 26.5%
- During the first 3 years of their programs, respondents indicated they were exposed to varied clinical experiences. Below is the list of the clinical areas where they received training:
 - ENT Office: 79.6%
 - Hospital: 73.5%
 - Pediatrics: 75.5%
 - Private Practice: 67.3%
 - School-based: 67.3%
 - VA: 49%
 - Cochlear: 38.8%
 - Research: 36.7%
 - Balance treatment center: 28.6%
 - Other: 22.4%
- 66% of respondents said they received minimal to no help in finding their 4th-year externship placements.
- 71% of respondents only had one externship site during their 4th-year, and 27% had two sites. Here are the top 5 externship sites:
 - Hospital: 36.7%
 - ENT Office: 36.7%
 - Audiology PP: 22.4%
 - VA: 20.4%
 - Pediatrics: 16.3%
- As students, respondents belonged to the following organizations:
 - AAA: 89.8%
 - NAFDA: 89.8%
 - State/Regional Conventions: 44.9%
 - NSSHLA: 30.6%
 - ADA: 16.3%
 - Other: 4.1%
- Over the next 1-3 years, respondents plan to join (or remain a member of) the following organizations:
 - AAA: 95.9%
 - ASHA: 63.3%
 - State/Regional Conventions: 42.9%
 - ADA: 12.2%
 - Other: 12.2%
 - NAFDA (professional member): 10.2%
 - EAA: 4.1%
 - None: 2.0%

* The small response leads us to be cautious in generalizing the results, but they do produce an interesting snapshot.