

John D. Blankinship Fellowship
The Scottish Rite Scholarship Foundation of Washington

The John D. Blankinship Fellowship was established in honor of John D. Blankinship, in recognition of his many years of service to the Scottish Rite. Mr. Blankinship was instrumental in establishing the Early Childhood Disorders Clinics within the state of Washington. Each year, this \$5,000.00 fellowship will be awarded to one graduate student entering the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at Western Washington University. The recipient of this fellowship will be involved in scholarly research across three academic quarters, working with a different speech-language pathology faculty member each quarter. Research activities will cover five hours per week, ten weeks per quarter. Each quarter, the Fellow will be engaged in different research endeavors representing a range of communication sciences and disorders. These areas will include, but are not limited to: child and adolescent language and literacy development and disorders, typical and atypical fluency and voice in children and adults, and neurogenic disorders in children and adults. By providing a different focus each quarter, the Fellow will be exposed to the various areas of study within the field of communication sciences and disorders.

Selection of the John D. Blankinship Fellow will be conducted by the speech-language pathology faculty in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders. Students wishing to apply for this fellowship must meet the following criteria:

- Accepted to the speech-language pathology graduate program.
- Resident of the State of Washington (in rare cases, non-residents may be considered).
- Agreement to provide 5 hours of research assistance per week, 10 weeks per quarter for Fall, Winter, and Spring quarters.
- A one-page single spaced letter stating the student's desire to be involved in scholarly research across the various domains of communication sciences and disorders, as well as a cover letter indicating that the student meets the above criteria.
- Accompanying completed Scholarship Application Form.

A thank you note is required after receipt of the scholarship and a written report at the end of the fellowship year.