

Virginia Ann Best

Personal information

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Employment

Jan 2014 – present	Research Associate Professor , Hearing Research Center, Boston University, Boston, USA
Sep 2011 – Dec 2013	Research Scientist , National Acoustic Laboratories, Sydney, Australia
Jan 2010 – Sep 2011	Research Assistant Professor , Hearing Research Center, Boston University, Boston, USA
Dec 2007 – Feb 2010	Research Fellow , School of Medical Sciences, University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia
Jun 2004 – Dec 2007	Research Associate , Hearing Research Center, Boston University, Boston, USA

Education

2000 – 2004	PhD (Medicine) , University of Sydney
1996 – 1999	Bachelor of Medical Science (Hons I) , University of Sydney

Grants/Fellowships

2016 – present	NIDCD R01 DC015760 (PI) Spatial hearing in speech mixtures
2014 – present	Oticon Foundation Grant (Co-Investigator, PI: Jorg Buchholz) Measuring listening ability and hearing aid benefit using simulated real-world environments
2014 – present	NIDCD R01 DC013286 (Co-Investigator, PI: Gerald Kidd) Top-down control of selective amplification
2014 – 2016	Hearing Industry Research Consortium Grant (PI) A dynamic speech comprehension task for assessing real-world listening ability and hearing aid benefit
2011 – 2016	NIDCD R01 DC04545 (Co-Investigator, PI: Gerald Kidd) Central factors in auditory masking
2008 – 2009	University of Sydney Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Communication in listeners with hearing impairment: the interaction of degraded inputs with attention and working memory
2008	Australian Academy of Science Grant for Scientific Visits to Europe Supported a 6-week visit to the Acoustics Research Institute, Vienna
2008	Window on Science Grant, Asian Office of Aerospace R&D Supported a 2-week visit to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton OH

Prizes/Awards

2012	NOHR Burt Evans Young Investigator Award , for achievement in auditory research
2006	Association for Research in Otolaryngology Travel Award
2005	Women in Acoustics Travel Award
2000	Australian Postgraduate Award , competitive government PhD scholarship
2000	John Coutts Scholarship for Science , for highest grade in an Honours degree
1999	University Medal , for outstanding achievement in an Honours degree
1999	Colin Dunlop prize for Physiology , for highest Honours thesis grade
1996	Sydney University Science Scholarship , for outstanding entrants to the Faculty of Science

Professional activities

2018	Technical Co-Chair , International Hearing Aid Research Conference, Lake Tahoe, USA
2017	Session Organizer , International Forum for Hearing Instrument Developers, Oldenburg, Germany
2013 – present	Associate Editor , Journal of the Acoustical Society of America
2011 – 2013	Technical Committee Member , Acoustical Society of America
2010 – present	Member , Acoustical Society of America
2010 – present	Member , Association for Research in Otolaryngology
2009	Technical Committee Member , International Workshop on the Principles and Applications of Spatial Hearing, Sendai, Japan
2007	Session Organizer , International Congress on Acoustics, Madrid, Spain
2001 - 2002	Conference Organizer , Institute for Biomedical Research Annual Conference, University of Sydney, Australia
2001 - present	Reviewer , Journal of the Acoustical Society of America; Journal of the Association for Research in Otolaryngology; Acta Acustica; Hearing Research; Ear and Hearing; International Journal of Audiology; Trends in Amplification; Journal of Speech, Language, and Hearing Research; Attention, Perception and Psychophysics; Frontiers in Neuroscience; PLOS ONE