

Hearing Restoration Project (HRP)

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Research Areas



Tool Development

Data Sharing



Basic Research



Data-Sharing Enabler



Product Development

Data

At a Glance

- Status: **Active Consortium**
- Year Launched: **2011**
- Initiating Organization: **Hearing Health Foundation**
- Initiator Type: **Nonprofit foundation**
- Location: **North America**

Abstract

The Hearing Restoration Project (HRP) is the first international consortium whose purpose is to cure hearing loss and tinnitus through hearing restoration. The project is based on the discovery funded by Hearing Health Foundation in 1987 that birds spontaneously regenerate the hair cells necessary for hearing when those cells become damaged; humans cannot. But recent discoveries in stem cell research and gene mapping may make now the time to trigger hair cell regrowth in humans in the near future.

Mission

Its goal is to regenerate inner-ear hair cells in humans and permanently restore hearing the millions of Americans and people worldwide who have hearing loss. The project will be funded for 10 years and will use the resources of multiple organizations to take a focused and well-rounded approach to developing shared research.

Consortium History

Formed in 2011

Structure & Governance

HHF established a Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) to provide oversight and guidance to the HRP Consortium.

Financing

Funding for the HRP comes exclusively from non-government sources, making them dependent on philanthropic gifts.

Data Sharing

HRP scientists work on research projects together, share their unpublished data and tools, and collaborate on the development and refinement of the HRP's Strategic Research Plan

Links/Social Media Feed

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https://hearinghealthfoundation.org/hearing_restoration_project

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