



ASA'S HUNT POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP CELEBRATES 40 YEARS

History and Background of Frederick V. ("Ted") Hunt

Ted Hunt was a luminary in the world of acoustics and a devoted supporter of the Acoustical Society of America (ASA). Born in 1905, he was an inventor, scientist, professor, and mentor to generations of students. Ted was awarded BA and BSE degrees (Electrical Engineering) by The Ohio State University in 1925 and a PhD in Physics from Harvard in 1934. Though a polymath in all areas of acoustics, he made notable contributions to room acoustics, sound recording, and especially to underwater acoustics.

For his work during World War II on modern sonar systems, Ted was awarded the U.S. Medal for Merit in 1947.

Ted served as ASA President in 1951-52, and received the ASA Pioneers of Underwater Acoustics Medal in 1965 and the Gold Medal in 1969¹. He died in 1972 while attending the 83rd ASA meeting in Buffalo, NY.

Concept of the Fellowship

Several years after Ted's death, his widow, Katherine Hunt, shared with ASA his wish to further education in the science of acoustics. The ASA Executive Council voted in 1977 to honor his memory



ASA Vice President Edgar Shaw (r) presents the ASA Gold Medal to Ted Hunt (l) at the spring meeting in 1969.

through a special reserve fund to support a new postdoctoral fellowship in any area of acoustics. It was later supplemented by a bequest of \$70,000 from the estate of Mrs. Hunt. Additional funds were provided by the US Office of Naval Research (ONR), guided by Logan E. Hargrove, ASA Fellow and member since 1956.

The first fellowship was awarded in 1978. A list of all past recipients of the Fellowship may be found on the ASA website². Recently, the Executive Council transferred additional funds from ASA reserves to the Acoustical Society Foundation Fund to ensure that the Hunt Fellowship is fully funded for years to come.

40th Anniversary Celebration

In celebration and commemoration of 40 years of Hunt Fellows and their contributions to ASA, there will be a **Celebratory Reception** (with cash bar) open to all at the 174th ASA Meeting in New Orleans on **Wednesday, 6 December, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.** in the Riverview foyer on the 41st floor of the New Orleans Marriott hotel.

Posters authored by Hunt Fellows and presented in a special session earlier in the day will be on display. Following the reception, a **special dinner is scheduled from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Riverview I**. Tickets to the dinner (\$75/person) are now available for purchase through the ASA meeting registration website³. Past Hunt Fellows are honorees and guests of the Acoustical Society Foundation at the dinner.



¹ See tinyurl.com/ASA-HuntGoldMedal ² tinyurl.com/ASA-HuntPostdoc ³ acousticalsociety.org

ASA STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP FOR THE FUTURE: SUPPORTING EARLY CAREER MEMBERS

Recent Activities in Support of ASA Early Career Members

One of the goals of the ASA's recent Strategic Leadership Plan for the Future (2015) is to expand promotion and participation by early career members. Recent activities in support of this include an Early-Career Acousticians Retreat in May 2016, Early Career Travel Awards to support attendance at ASA meetings, and an initiative to broadcast ASA meeting content over the internet.

To further support this goal, the Executive Council has approved the establishment of a new fellowship program: the ASA Early Career Leadership Fellows. Selected Fellows must show commitment to ASA and to new endeavors that will both reward the Society and enhance their personal growth as future leaders.

Like the Hunt Postdoctoral Fellowships, but Different

The expectation is that this program will mirror the rewards reaped with the Hunt Fellows, but in a broadened manner for early career professionals and future leaders.

The plan is to award two fellowships annually, each on the order of \$6,000, to support activities that enhance the Fellows' leadership skills and/or potential within their profession and within the ASA, as proposed by the applicants themselves. Application and eligibility details will be provided at a later time.

Fellows retain the title of "ASA Early Career Leadership Fellow" for the remainder of their careers, and as this community of Fellows grows, they may be asked to assist with organizing ASA early career member initiatives and mentoring early career members in the future.

OUR CAMPAIGN: SUPPORTING THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS



Fundraising Goals

Plans for the ASA Early Career Leadership Fellowships cannot be achieved without necessary investment by the Society. The Acoustical Society Foundation Board has accepted the challenge of the fundraising

campaign to support these Fellowships – named the “Campaign for ASA Early Career Leadership: Supporting the Next Generation of Leaders” – with a goal to raise \$300,000 between October 2017 and May 2019.

Solicitations for donations are being made to all ASA members. We also invite participation by industry leaders in our fields.

Contribution Categories

The contribution categories listed below reflect the desire to provide opportunities for all ASA members, new and old, to contribute in a manner suitable to their means.

Contributions of any amount are now being accepted! Please visit the following link to make a donation using your credit card or PayPal account: tinyurl.com/ASA-CAECL. You may also send a check made out to the Acoustical Society of America, with a note that the donation is specifically for this campaign:

**The Campaign for ASA Early Career Leadership
c/o Acoustical Society of America
1305 Walt Whitman Rd, Suite 300
Melville, NY 11747-4300**

All donations are tax-deductible and will be acknowledged by the ASA, a 501(c)3 organization.

The Campaign kick-off will be held at the fall 2017 ASA meeting in New Orleans with a reception and dinner on Wednesday, 6 December, in conjunction with the celebration of the Hunt Fellowship’s 40th Anniversary.

Early supporters of this fundraising campaign who donate prior to 15 November 2017 will receive special recognition at the New Orleans ASA meeting.

CONTRIBUTION CATEGORIES

We Hear You (Audible)	Friend (up to \$99)	The Legacy Circle
	Advocate (\$100 to \$249)	
Part of the Conversation	Partner (\$250 to \$999)	
	Ambassador (\$1,000 to \$2,499)	
A Raised Voice	Silver Level Leader (\$2,500 to \$9,999)	
	Gold Level Leader (\$10,000 to \$24,999)	
A Big Shout	Platinum Level Sustainer (\$25,000 to \$99,999)	
	Diamond Level Sustainer (\$100,000 and above)	

Campaign Ad Hoc Committee

The following volunteers on the Campaign’s ad hoc committee are excited to draw on the enthusiasm and support of ASA members to bring the goals of this campaign to fruition.

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