

## OUR PROGRAM

The Ph.D. program in Hearing, Speech, and Language Sciences (HSLs) is intended for those with a masters or clinical doctorate in a related field, including but not limited to, Au.D., Speech-Language Pathology, Linguistics, or Psychology. The Ph.D. in HSLs prepares students for faculty and research positions in universities and other research facilities.

Students are given a unique opportunity to engage with American Sign Language (ASL) through ASL classes and campus activities at Gallaudet University, a bilingual ASL/English university located in Washington, D.C.

The Ph.D. in HSLs program consists of coursework in research methods and statistics, professional issues (teaching, grant-writing), and advanced topics in hearing, speech, and language sciences. Students are also expected to be continuously enrolled in ASL classes until they have successfully completed (or tested out of) PST 303.

Additional requirements include a qualifying examination, a supervised practicum in higher education teaching, a research internship leading to a pre-dissertation project, a comprehensive examination, and a dissertation that addresses a critical question in hearing, speech, and language sciences. Students in the Ph.D. in HSLs program have research opportunities within the department, as well as with other Gallaudet departments and affiliated programs in other universities and research sites.



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### Questions about the program?



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### Questions about the application process?



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## FUNDING

Students are typically offered a tuition waiver and stipend for the first two years (pending funding availability). Additional funding is available through graduate research, teaching assistantships, grants, and scholarships. Students also have the ability to enroll in the program part-time while continuing their current occupational position.

## CAREER OUTLOOK

The field of Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD) currently faces a shortage of qualified faculty with a Ph.D. The need for CSD faculty is twice the current number of Ph.D. graduates from CSD programs (CAPCSD & ASHA CSD Education Survey 2017-2018), and just over 65% of full-time research faculty openings in CSD are filled with Ph.D. faculty (ASHA CSD Education Trend Data: 2010-2011 to 2017-2018).

Earning a Ph.D. in HSLs will prepare you to fill these job openings in academia, as well as in research-oriented clinical settings.

## THE HSLs PH.D. PROGRAM AT GALLAUDET

- Unique immersion opportunity in a bilingual (ASL/English) campus
- Local access to research internships at elite institutions in the Washington, D.C. area such as Walter Reed National Military Hospital and National Institutes of Health
- Faculty with a wide range of expertise in hearing, speech, and language
- Research training includes a lab rotation, two research internships, a grant-writing and publication seminar, a pre-dissertation project, and a dissertation
- Teaching training includes a teaching seminar and a teaching practicum
- Job readiness training includes a professional and ethical issues seminar

## OUR FACULTY AND RESEARCH LABS

**Nahar Albudoor, Ph.D., CCC-SLP**  
*Support Technologies for Every Learner's Language Abilities (STELLA) Lab*

**Karen Garrido-Nag, Ph.D., CCC-SLP**  
*Developmental Neurolinguistics and Cognition Lab*

**Kara Hawthorne, Ph.D.**  
*Prosody in Language Understanding, Speech, and Hearing (PLUSH) Lab*

**Sanyu Jaiswal, Ph.D.**  
*Voice and Speech Physiology Lab*

**Kristen Maul, Ph.D., CF-SLP**  
*Neurolinguistics Lab*

**Larry Medwetsky, Ph.D., CCC-A**  
*Spoken-Language Processing Lab*

**Jim McCann, Ed.D., CCC-SLP**  
*Eye Gaze and Language/Literacy Lab*

**Ishara Ramkissoon, Ph.D., CCC-A**  
*Multicultural, Environmental, and Auditory Aging Lab*

**Chizuko Tamaki, Ph.D., CCC-A**  
*Vestibular and Balance Lab*

**David Thornton, Ph.D.**  
*Human Neurophysiology Lab*

**Kristen Thornton, Ph.D.**  
*Learning Lab for Kids with Implants*

## OTHER LABS

Bernstein/Brewer (B/B) Aural Rehabilitation Lab

Deaf/Hard of Hearing Technology Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center (RERC)