

## Ph.D. Program Overview

The Ph.D. program in Communication Sciences & Disorders combines an exciting and versatile academic curriculum and a variety of rich research opportunities. CSD is home to the USF Hearing Clinic, Speech-Language Clinic, and Bolesta Center. Ph.D. students benefit from discipline specific as well as multi-disciplinary programs of study tailored to the areas of interest and strength of each individual student.

## Areas of Emphasis

The program emphasizes critical thinking, knowledge acquisition, and skill development to prepare research scientists of tomorrow capable of addressing theoretical and applied issues in laboratory, clinical, and classroom settings. Coursework emphasizes basic and advanced study in the communicative sciences and related disciplines while extensive research experience focuses on the development of a personal programmatic line of research required for success in a research/academic career.

## Program Resources

The program benefits from the world-class resources of the CSD Department. Faculty include experienced scientists in each of the major areas of speech, language, and hearing sciences. Physical resources include a vast array of laboratory and clinical facilities ranging from wet labs and comparative research to clinical laboratories with state-of-the-art hardware, software, and custom laboratory space. The internationally recognized research of our faculty includes external funding from NIH, NSF, DOE, DoD, foundations, and industry partners.

## Research Collaborations

Strong research collaborations with the School of Aging Studies, the College of Engineering, and the School of Medicine and formal interdisciplinary programs

with the Department of Psychology and the School of Education capitalize on the greater USF community to create a uniquely diverse and transformative learning environment.

## Application Info

The convenient online application process can be linked. <https://www.usf.edu/cbcs/csd/graduate/phd-apply.aspx>. The deadline for applications for Fall is February 15, and for Spring is October 15. Ideal applicants will have an outstanding academic record and a bachelor's degree, preferably in a field related to their research interest, or a Master's degree in speech-language pathology or clinical doctorate in audiology.

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