# PhD

# Speech and Hearing Science





# Why UTHSC?

- Tuition waiver and departmentally funded teaching stipend
- Large collaborative research and clinical faculty
- Access to clinical populations with 4 on-campus clinics
- Interdisciplinary research (active collaborations with Psychology, Education, Nursing, Veterinary Medicine, and Neuroscience)

The PhD in Speech and Hearing Science trains individuals to be productive researchers, outstanding teachers, and valued colleagues. The University of Tennessee is a *Research 1* institution, and as such, the program is research-oriented with primary emphases on processes involved in typical and disordered speech, language and hearing (Students who are primarily interested in clinical practice should apply to the MS-SLP at **uthsc.edu/asp/programs/ms** or AuD program at **uthsc.edu/asp/programs/aud**). In addition to coursework outlined in the catalog, all students complete two research projects in addition to their dissertation. These projects give students valuable experience designing studies, conducting and analyzing data, and publishing their own research. We are proud of the fact that the great majority of these projects are published with the student as the primary author, and all of the projects are presented at national or international conferences.

Currently, all PhD students receive a tuition waiver for up to 6 years, as well as a graduate assistant stipend from the department. These 20-hour per week assistantships function much the same as intern- or externship programs, and are an integral part of each student's training.

All students have the opportunity to teach a course as the primary instructor, gaining them valuable and imminently marketable academic teaching experience.



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# Why pursue a PhD in Speech and Hearing Sciences?

- Excellent employment rate: 385 searches for PhD positions in Speech and Hearing Sciences in 2016, but there were only 45 new PhDs granted that same year
- Engage in research and clinical training to impact the health of current and future generations

# Who can apply?

Most students join the program after completing a graduate degree in Speech Pathology, Audiology, or a related field. Students with a Bachelor's degree in Communication Disorders are also be eligible to apply to the program, but may need to complete additional coursework.

## **Student experience**

Knoxville is exactly what people declare it to be: a hidden gem. First-time visitors are typically amazed by all the city has to offer. In this one unique location, mountains meet music... art meets adventure... culture meets cuisine... and no one meets a stranger. The pure walkability of downtown allows people to explore and discover vibrant murals, local music, historic sites, art museums, parks, greenways and more. With its sophisticated mix of culture and cuisine, served up with genuine hospitality, Knoxville will surprise you.

## **Application Information**

Step 1: Identify a mentor

Step 2: Complete application at uthsc.liaisoncas.com

## **APPLICATION DEADLINE IS JANUARY 15**

#### **Required Documents:**

- Personal Statement
- Official Transcripts
- 3 Letters of Recommendation
- GRE (May be waived for applicants with a prior graduate degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders (e.g., AuD or MS-SLP); contact program director for details.)
- TOEFL (for non-native speakers of English)

## For more information:

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