



College of Health &  
Human Services

## School of **HEARING, SPEECH and LANGUAGE SCIENCES**

### **PH.D. FELLOWSHIPS IN AUGMENTATIVE AND ALTERNATIVE COMMUNICATION AT OHIO UNIVERSITY**

Students with a particular interest in augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) are invited to apply for an exceptional Ohio University Fellowship. AAC Fellows receive a minimum of three years of year-round full-time tuition expenses, plus an attractive living stipend (assuming satisfactory performance). Additional funds may be available to support continued studies beyond three years. Ph.D. Fellows may choose to engage in a variety of research project areas related to AAC.

The mentor for this Fellowship is John McCarthy, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, Assistant Professor in the School of Hearing, Speech and Language Sciences. Dr. McCarthy's research areas include improving user interfaces on AAC devices, exploring creative expressions such as narratives and music with individuals using AAC, and testing means to change attitudes toward individuals who require AAC. Specifically, he conducts research on improving scanning interfaces, using animation within AAC devices, creating new music interfaces, and using personal narratives and multimedia to change attitudes toward individuals requiring AAC. Dr. McCarthy is also interested in using multimedia to teach skills such as problem solving to individuals requiring AAC.

Dr. McCarthy mentors doctoral students in research career development, including experimental design, writing for publication, grant writing, teaching, and service to the profession. He is dedicated to enriching the research experience of each of his students through guidance and support. Many other accomplished faculty members in the School also provide rich interdisciplinary research and mentorship opportunities to Fellows.

To discuss Ph.D. Fellowships in AAC contact Dr. John McCarthy

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**QUALIFICATIONS** Qualified applicants will have a strong interest in becoming increasingly independent scholars in AAC, a master's degree in an academically related area (e.g., communication sciences and disorders, psychology, occupational therapy, special education, etc.) and excellent written and interpersonal communication skills in English. Fellowships are competitively awarded. US and International applicants are welcome and applicants from underrepresented groups are encouraged to apply. View application and instructions at <http://www.ohiou.edu/hearingspeech/gradpacket.htm>.

## **ABOUT THE SCHOOL OF HEARING, SPEECH AND LANGUAGE SCIENCES**

The School of Hearing, Speech and Language Sciences offers world-class doctoral programs. We are a diverse, energetic, dedicated, and productive faculty who work closely with students in a positive and encouraging environment. We offer students the opportunity to develop an individualized academic plan of study, access to state-of-the art facilities and equipment, an exciting range of mentored research experiences, and a variety of mentored teaching opportunities.

### **Doctoral studies in Hearing, Speech and Language Sciences at Ohio University provide numerous distinctive opportunities, including:**

- Involvement in research projects funded by prestigious agencies, such as the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation.
- A choice of Ph.D. focal areas in hearing science, speech science, language science, audiology, and speech-language pathology.
- Hands-on guidance in vital areas of scholarly development, including publication and grant writing.
- Enriching collaborative experiences in medicine, psychology, neuroscience, cognition, psycholinguistics, linguistics, health sciences, physical therapy, education, engineering, biological sciences, statistics, and more.
- Rich University-wide interdisciplinary opportunities, including: Initiative on Health and Wellness in Underserved Populations, Appalachian Rural Health Institute and Diabetes Research Initiative, Initiative on Interactive Virtual Environments, NanoBioTechnology Initiative, and Gerontology Certificate Program, providing rich additional interdisciplinary research and student funding possibilities.
- Participation in the Institute for the Empirical Study of Language, facilitating research collaboration across many disciplines.
- Engagement with multicultural, multinational and multilingual students and faculty.
- Access to vital clinical populations to support cutting-edge research programs.
- Participation in a university and local community that offers a safe, culturally vibrant and picturesque environment.

For additional information about Ohio University's graduate programs in Hearing, Speech and Language Sciences and Faculty Research Foci, visit the School Web site at

**<http://www.ohiou.edu/hearingspeech/>**

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