PhD in Communication Sciences & Disorders
About Houston

• Fourth largest city
• Access to a diverse population
• 45% speak a language other than English at home
• In 2021- 44% Hispanic, 24% White, 23% Black, 7% Asian, 2% other
• Close to 20 school districts
• World's largest medical center
## About UH

### UH AT A GLANCE

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What to do with a PhD

Research doctorate

• Academic position
  • Tenure track
    • Research emphasis
    • Teaching emphasis
  • Non-tenure track
    • Teaching emphasis
    • Clinical/Service position

• Clinical researcher
• Scientist
## About the Program

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<td>First cohort in Fall 2020</td>
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<td>Expanding program with more students and new faculty</td>
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<td>Individualized mentoring</td>
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<td>Goal is to prepare researchers and scholars</td>
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<td>Can be completed full-time or part-time</td>
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Program Requirements

COURSEWORK

INITIAL RESEARCH PROJECT

COMPREHENSIVE EXAM

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

RESEARCH

DISSERTATION

ANTICIPATED TO TAKE 4-5 YEARS FULL-TIME
# Coursework

54 credit hours of graduate coursework beyond a master’s degree:

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Application

• Fall 2023 Deadline: December 15, 2022
• Requirements:
  • Commitment from COMD faculty member to mentor student
  • Official transcripts
  • Three (3) letters of recommendation
  • Curriculum vitae or resume
  • Statement of interest
• GRE scores are neither required nor taken into consideration during our admissions process.
Application

Addition Requirements for International Students:

• Demonstrate English Proficiency
• Letter of financial backing

https://www.uh.edu/graduate-school/international-students/
Faculty

Margaret Blake
Right hemisphere disorders

Ferenc Bunta
Bilingual phonological acquisition

Anny Castilla-Earls
Monolingual and bilingual language development

Stephanie Daniels
Dysphagia

Heather Dial
Neural bases of speech and language, Aphasia

Ashwini Joshi
Voice disorders

Lynn Maher
Aphasia

Monique Mills
Narrative assessment and code-switching in bidialectal speakers
Faculty

Seoung Hoon Park
Neuroscience and neurorehabilitation

Amber Thiessen
Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)

Camille Wynn
Speech coordination patterns of neurotypical and autistic adolescents

Visit uh.edu/class/comd/research to learn more about our faculty
# Program Costs

## 22-23 Program Costs

- Tuition - $2880 per semester
- Student Service Fee - $260 per semester
- University Center Fee - $135 per semester
- Recreation and Wellness Center Fee - $112 per semester

## With Funding (GTF + TA Stipend)

- Tuition – **Free**!
- Earnings per semester, including cost of health insurance ($6,000-$10,000)
Funding
(availability varies from year to year)

Graduate Tuition Fellowship (GTF)
9 credit hours per semester

Graduate Assistantships
Research assistant, teaching assistant or clinical assistant

Scholarships
Contact

More about the program and how to apply
uh.edu/class/comd/programs/phd/

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Questions?