

Opportunity for doctoral or postdoctoral study  
at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Project FOCAL: Focusing on Causality and Assessment to Train Leaders in Children's  
Communication Disabilities (Preparation of Leadership Personnel)

Project FOCAL was designed to prepare doctoral students and postdoctoral fellows in the areas of assessment and the etiology of communication disorders in children with disabilities. The project brings together faculty and scholars from the departments of Speech and Hearing Science and Special Education, with cooperation from the Division of Disability Resources and Educational Services, for the purpose of preparing knowledgeable, influential, and visionary leaders. Individuals will be trained to conduct research and teach through a collaborative, cross-disciplinary training model. Graduates of the program will be prepared to join Speech and Hearing or Special Education faculties at colleges and universities, where they will conduct research, teach, and provide service.

#### DOCTORAL PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

Doctoral students should:

- Hold a Master's degree in Speech and Hearing Science, Special Education, or a related field
- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent U.S. resident

#### DOCTORAL PROGRAM APPLICATION PROCESS

Interested applicants should submit:

- An application to the doctoral program in either Speech and Hearing Science or Special Education at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, by going to the Graduate College web page at <http://www.grad.uiuc.edu/admissions/apply/>
- GRE Scores
- Undergraduate and graduate college transcripts
- 3 letters of recommendation
- Resume
- For more information on the doctoral degree in *Speech and Hearing Science*, please go to <http://www.shs.uiuc.edu/programs/doctorate.html>.
- For more information on the doctoral degree in *Special Education*, please go to <http://www.ed.uiuc.edu/saao/grad/handbook/phd.html>.

#### POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH SPECIALIST POSITION

A 1-year postdoctoral Research Specialist position is available each year for 3 years, from 2008-2010.

Postdoctoral Research Specialist Applicants should:

- Hold a doctoral degree in Speech and Hearing Science, Special Education, or a related field
- Have an interest and scholarly record in assessment and causes of children's communication disorders

## APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH SPECIALIST PROGRAM

To apply, please send:

- A letter of interest
- Curriculum vitae
- Up to three scholarly publications or conference papers
- Three letters of recommendation

To Cynthia J. Johnson, Ph.D., Director, Project FOCAL

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Review of applications will begin Feb. 15, 2008 and continue until the positions are filled.

### PROJECT FOCAL SUPPORT AND KEY FACULTY

Project FOCAL is supported by a Preparation of Leadership Personnel Grant from the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP).

Program Director:

Cynthia J. Johnson, Ph.D., Dept. of Speech and Hearing Science (SHS) – child language/phonological disability, emergent literacy

Program Co-Directors:

Laura DeThorne, Ph.D. (SHS) – child language disability, causal factors

James Halle, Ph.D., Dept. of Special Education (SPED) –

Michaelene Ostrosky, Ph.D., (SPED) – social emotional competence, challenging behavior

David M. Richman, Ph.D., (SPED) –

Ruth Watkins, Ph.D., (SHS) – child language disability

Women, minorities and individuals with disabilities are particularly encouraged to apply. The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer.