The Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD) at the University of Iowa is one of the oldest, largest, and most highly respected programs of its kind. Graduates from our PhD program have gone on to distinguished careers in academia, industry, and health care settings. Many serve as editors of major scientific journals in our field and assume leadership roles in the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Acoustical Society of America, National Institutes of Health and others. Iowa’s CSD faculty are, and have long been, nationally recognized leaders in their fields who direct successful, externally funded research programs. Their research initiatives are bolstered by the presence and reputation of the clinical training programs (ranked #1 and #2 nationally) and by the strong collaborations that have been forged with faculty from the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences, the School of Music, and the Colleges of Medicine (Otolaryngology/Neurosurgery), Engineering, and Public Health. All these factors help make the University of Iowa a great choice for individuals considering the pursuit of a research career in this diverse discipline.

The PhD program requires approximately four years to complete. Its unique learning format is tailored to meet the needs and interests of the individual student. When you come to Iowa, you will join a cohort of other PhD students who share your passion and are also working toward their PhD’s. While admission to the PhD program is competitive, funding is guaranteed for up to four years and includes tuition, a stipend, and generous benefits. The unique funding structure used at Iowa allows students to rotate through multiple labs and potentially shift areas of emphasis after enrolling. Graduates from Iowa's PhD program leave with strong research skills. Most recent graduates have had one or more peer-reviewed publications in a high-impact scientific journal. Many also leave with a record of success securing external funding, and all receive valuable teaching experience. Our graduates are actively recruited for academic positions at colleges and universities across the country or accept prestigious post-doctoral fellowships. Others find employment in industry or are recruited for research scientist positions in medical setting.

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