

New Century Scholars Doctoral Scholarship Recipients

2019

Awarded \$10,000 each

Defne Abur

PhD Candidate

Boston University

Area of Study: *Speech Perception and Speech Motor Control*

Rebecca E. Bieber

PhD Candidate

University of Maryland

Area of Study: *Effects of Aging and Hearing Loss on Speech Perception*

Danielle Brates

PhD Candidate

New York University

Area of Study: *Variability in Normal and Disordered Adult Swallowing Physiology*

Jane Ann Burton

PhD Candidate

Vanderbilt University

Area of Study: *Auditory Neuroscience and Noise-Induced Hearing Loss*

Kevin Terence Cunningham

PhD Candidate

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Area of Study: *Aphasia; Motor Speech Disorders in Neurodegenerative Disease*

Sarah K. Diehl

PhD Candidate

Vanderbilt University

Area of Study: *Cognitive-Linguistic Ability and Motor Speech Performance in Neurodegenerative Disorders*

Yao Du

PhD Candidate

University of California, Irvine

Area of Study: *Inclusive Design in Mobile/Voice Assistive Technology for Children With Communication Disorders*

Laura Anne Friedman

PhD Candidate

University of Wisconsin–Madison

Area of Study: *Neurodevelopmental Disorders and Effects on Language in Adolescents and Adults*

Natalie Gilmore

PhD Candidate

Boston University
Area of Study: *Aphasia; Intervention for Cognitive-Linguistic Impairment After Acquired Brain Injury*

Shirley Huang

PhD Candidate

University of Colorado Boulder

Area of Study: *Bilingual Language Development in Children and Culturally-Sensitive Clinical Tools*

Allison Ann Johnson

PhD Candidate

University of Maryland

Area of Study: *Speech Development, Production and Perception in Children who use Cochlear Implants*

Mara Rosann Kapsner-Smith

PhD Candidate

University of Washington

Area of Study: *Neural and Learning Mechanisms Underlying Functional Voice Disorders*

Renee E. King

PhD Candidate

University of Wisconsin–Madison

Area of Study: *Vocal Fold Epithelial Biology and Infectious Disease*

Caroline Larson

PhD Candidate

University of Wisconsin–Madison

Area of Study: *Language and Cognitive Development: Assessment and Intervention in Children*

Yina Magally Quique

PhD Candidate

University of Pittsburgh

Area of Study: *Assessment and Treatment for Spanish Speakers With Aphasia*

Camille Jane Wynn

PhD Candidate

Utah State University

Area of Study: *Speech Acoustics and Prosody and Conversational Entrainment in Children*

2018

Awarded \$10,000 each

Russell Edealo Banks

PhD Candidate

Michigan State University

Area of Study: *Effects of Brain Injury on Speech and Voice*

Natalie V. Covington

PhD Candidate

Vanderbilt University

Area of Study: *Memory and Learning Profiles in Individuals with Traumatic Brain Injury*

James Arthur Curtis

PhD Candidate

Columbia University

Area of Study: *Dysphagia; Objective Swallowing Assessment Techniques, and Targeted Treatment*

Jessica Elsbeth Gormley

PhD Candidate

Pennsylvania State University

Area of Study: *Augmentative and Alternative Communication Strategies for Children with Complex Communication Needs in Inpatient Settings*

Brittany Nicole Jaekel

PhD Candidate

University of Maryland

Area of Study: *Improving Speech Understanding Outcomes for Users of Cochlear Implants*

Kelly N. Jahn

PhD Candidate

University of Washington

Area of Study: *The Peripheral Auditory System and Interventions for Cochlear Implant Listeners*

Heather M. Kabakoff

PhD Candidate

New York University

Area of Study: *Speech Sound Disorders and Intervention for Children with Residual Speech Errors*

Brittany N. Krekeler

PhD Candidate

University of Wisconsin–Madison

Area of Study: *Swallowing and Exercise-Based Interventions for Dysphagia*

Charles M. Lenell

PhD Candidate

New York University

Area of Study: *Voice and Swallowing Disorders in Aging Populations*

Gabriela Meade

PhD Candidate

San Diego State University/University of California, San Diego

Area of Study: *Neuro-Cognition of Language Comprehension; Visual Word Processing and Dyslexia*

Vidisha G. Mohad

PhD Candidate

University of Wisconsin–Madison

Area of Study: *Genetics of Vocal Fold Development*

Cara Sauder

PhD Candidate

University of Washington

Area of Study: *Assessment of Voice and Resonance Disorders*

Maureen Shader

PhD Candidate

University of Maryland

Area of Study: *Auditory Aging and Cochlear Implants*

Kaila L. Stipancic

PhD Candidate

MGH Institute of Health Professions

Area of Study: *Motor Control of Speech and Swallowing*

Kacie E. Wittke

PhD Candidate

University of Connecticut

Area of Study: *Children with Specific Language Impairment and Relationship of Non-Linguistic Deficits*

Mary Claire Wofford

PhD Candidate

Florida State University

Area of Study: *Bilingual Language and Literacy Development*

2017

Awarded \$10,000 each

Laura S. Coco

PhD Candidate

University of Arizona

Area of Study: *Hearing Health Promotion*

Robert B. Fujiki

PhD Candidate

Purdue University

Area of Study: *Voice and Swallowing*

Jeffrey P. Johnson

PhD Candidate

Boston University

Area of Study: *Aphasia; Neurogenic Language Disorders*

Emily E. Kimball

PhD Candidate

Vanderbilt University

Area of Study: *Voice Physiology and Voice Disorders*

Marika R. King

PhD Candidate

Georgia State University

Area of Study: *Augmentative and Alternative Communication; Bilingual Language Development and Disorders*

Lauren L. Madhoun

PhD Candidate

Ohio State University

Area of Study: *Infant Swallowing; Craniofacial Disorders in Infants*

Jena C. McDaniel

PhD Candidate

Vanderbilt University

Area of Study: *Speech and Language Intervention for Children*

Shae D. Morgan

PhD Candidate

University of Utah

Area of Study: *Hearing and Speech Perception*

Trianna K. Oglivie

PhD Candidate

University of Arizona

Area of Study: *Treatment Outcomes for Children with Language and Speech Disorders*

Rachel D. Reetzke

PhD Candidate

University of Texas at Austin

Area of Study: *Speech Perception, Perceptual Learning and Neurodevelopmental Disorders*

Jaclyn R. Schurman

PhD Candidate

University of Maryland

Area of Study: *Speech Intelligibility and Comprehension Performance for Older Adults*

Sharon S. Tang

PhD Candidate

University of Wisconsin–Madison

Area of Study: *Speech and Voice Disorders*

Thelma E. Uzonyi

PhD Candidate

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Area of Study: *Parent-Child Engagement in Language Acquisition*

Caitlin J. Vose
PhD Candidate
Arizona State University
Area of Study: *Genetics of Speech Sound Disorders*

2016

Awarded \$10,000 each

Beatriz Barragan
PhD Candidate
Arizona State University
Area of Study: *Motor Processes Underlying Second Language Comprehension*

Milijana Buac
PhD Candidate
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Area of Study: *Bilingual Language Development*

Laura R. Chapman
PhD Candidate
Ohio University
Area of Study: *Adult Neurogenic Language Disorders*

Julie Cohen
PhD Candidate
University of Maryland
Area of Study: *Impact of Hearing Loss and Hearing Aids on Real-World Communication*
Wayne and Marilyn Olsen Audiology Research Fund

Claire E. Cordella
PhD Candidate
Harvard University
Area of Study: *Motor Speech Deficits in Neurodegenerative Disorders*

Marziye Eshghi
PhD Candidate
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Area of Study: *Velopharyngeal Dysfunction and Resonance Disorders*

Lisa M. Fitton
PhD Candidate
Florida State University
Area of Study: *Bilingual Early Language and Literacy Development*

Zoi Gkalitsiou
PhD Candidate
University of Texas at Austin
Area of Study: *Fluency; Stuttering in Bilingual Children*

Hannah A. Glick

PhD Candidate

University of Colorado, Boulder

Area of Study: *Auditory Neuroscience; Age-Related Hearing Loss and Cognitive Decline*

David J. Hajjar

PhD Candidate

Ohio University

Area of Study: *Augmentative and Alternative Communication*

Naomi Hertsberg

PhD Candidate

University of Iowa

Area of Study: *Developmental Stuttering*

Hannah M. Julien

PhD Candidate

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Area of Study: *Social Communication Skills and Autism Spectrum Disorders*

Cagla Kantarcigil

PhD Candidate

Purdue University

Area of Study: *Dysphagia Diagnosis and Rehabilitation; Telepractice in Underserved Areas*

Kwang Seob Kim

PhD Candidate

University of Washington

Area of Study: *Speech Motor Control; Stuttering*

Erin L. Meier

PhD Candidate

Boston University

Area of Study: *Aphasia and Beneficial Neural Reorganization of Language*

Rocio S. Norman

PhD Candidate

University of Wisconsin, Madison

Area of Study: *Traumatic Brain Injury and Cognitive-Communication Disorders*

Evan R. Usler

PhD Candidate

Purdue University

Area of Study: *Cognitive Neuroscience; Developmental Stuttering*

2015

Awarded \$10,000 each

Carmel E. Brookshire

PhD Candidate

University of Washington

Area of Study: *Acquired Reading Impairment in Individuals with Aphasia*

Julie E. Case

PhD Candidate

New York University

Area of Study: *Speech Motor Control in Children*

Nicole E. Corbin

PhD Candidate

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Area of Study: *Pediatric Audiology and Auditory Development*

Barbara J. Cunningham

PhD Candidate

McMaster University

Area of Study: *Speech-Language Treatment Outcomes for Preschoolers*

Meghan M. Davidson

PhD Candidate

University of Wisconsin, Madison

Area of Study: *Language, Cognition, and Literacy in Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder*

Mackenzie E. Fama

PhD Candidate

Georgetown University

Area of Study: *Cognitive Neuroscience, Aphasia, and Language Recovery*

Samantha J. Gustafson

PhD Candidate

Vanderbilt University

Area of Study: *Influence of Hearing Loss and Assistive Technology on Developmental Outcomes in Children*

Davis E. Henderson

PhD Candidate

Arizona State University

Area of Study: *Accurate Dynamic Assessment of Language in Native American Children*

Tess K. Koerner

PhD Candidate

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Area of Study: *Auditory Neuroscience and Speech Perception in Noise*

Mara E. Steinberg Lowe

PhD Candidate

New York University

Area of Study: *Language Processing and Production; Fluency Disorders*

Mirza Jeannette Lugo-Neris

PhD Candidate

University of Texas at Austin

Area of Study: *Bilingual Language and Cognition*

Jennifer P. Lundine

PhD Candidate

Ohio State University

Area of Study: *Cognition and Language Following Pediatric Brain Injury*

Elizabeth Heller Murray

PhD Candidate

Boston University

Area of Study: *Voice, Resonance, and Potential Sensory Deficits in Individuals with Voice Disorders*

Kathryn H. O'Brien

PhD Candidate

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Area of Study: *Cognitive Rehabilitation After Traumatic Brain Injury*

Nancy A. Quick

PhD Candidate

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Area of Study: *Pediatric Auditory Rehabilitation and Literacy Outcomes*

Shannon MacKenzie Sheppard

PhD Candidate

San Diego State University/University of California, San Diego

Area of Study: *Sentence Processing in Aphasia*

Spencer B. Smith

PhD Candidate

University of Arizona

Area of Study: *Auditory Neuroscience and Electrophysiology*

Elizabeth A. Wieland

PhD Candidate

Michigan State University

Area of Study: *Developmental Stuttering*

Jennifer M. Zuk

PhD Candidate

Harvard University

Area of Study: *Cognitive Neuroscience; Child Speech, Language and Literacy Disorders*

2014

Awarded \$10,000 each

Andrea Barton-Hulsey

PhD Candidate

Georgia State University

Area of Study: *Augmentative and Alternative Communication; Reading Development*

William J. Bologna

PhD Candidate

University of Maryland

Area of Study: *Hearing and Multi-Speaker Speech Perception*

Wayne and Marilyn Olsen Audiology Research Fund

Jessica G. Caron

PhD Candidate

Pennsylvania State University

Area of Study: *Augmentative and Alternative Communication; Application of Mobile Technology Access*

Lynda G. Feenaughty

PhD Candidate

University at Buffalo

Area of Study: *Motor Speech Disorders and Communication in Individuals with Neurodegenerative Disease*

Mianisha Finney

PhD Candidate

Ohio University

Area of Study: *Specific Language Impairment in Children and the Role of Cognitive Mechanisms*

Megan Gross

PhD Candidate

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Area of Study: *Language Control and Code-Switching in Bilingual Children*

Corinne Jones

PhD Candidate

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Area of Study: *Sensorimotor Control of Voice and Swallowing in Parkinson Disease*

Casey S. Keck

PhD Candidate

University of Cincinnati

Area of Study: *Pediatric Traumatic Brain Injury; Telehealth*

Aarthi Madhavan

PhD Candidate

University of Florida

Area of Study: *Preclinical Dysphagia in Healthy Elderly Adults and Elderly Adults at Risk for Dysphagia*

Megann N. McGill

PhD Candidate

University of Texas at Austin

Area of Study: *Fluency Disorders and Phonological Working Memory*

Jana Mueller

PhD Candidate

University of Texas at Dallas

Area of Study: *Cognitive-Communication Rehabilitation in Individuals with Acquired Brain Injury*

Carolyn K. Novaleski

PhD Candidate

Vanderbilt University

Area of Study: *Voice Disorders and Biological Examination of Phonotrauma*

Austin L. Oder

PhD Candidate

University of Nebraska, Lincoln

Area of Study: *Neuroscience of Early Communication; Infant Brain Development of Oral Motor Control*

Jessie N. Patterson

PhD Candidate

University of Nebraska, Lincoln

Area of Study: *Vestibular and Balance Science; Post-Concussion Deficits and Assessment*

Ileana Ratiu

PhD Candidate

Arizona State University

Area of Study: *Bilingualism and Traumatic Brain Injury*

Melissa C. Sherman

PhD Candidate

University of Texas at Dallas

Area of Study: *Language Acquisition and Word Learning in Children*

Jarrad Van Stan

PhD Candidate

MGH Institute of Health Professions

Area of Study: *Voice Assessment and Rehabilitation; Ambulatory Monitoring and Biofeedback*

Sarah Villard

PhD Candidate

Boston University

Area of Study: *Aphasia Rehabilitation and the Role of Cognitive Processes and Attention*

2013

Awarded \$10,000 each

Garrett Cardon

PhD Candidate

University of Colorado, Boulder

Area of Study: *Audiology and Cognitive Neuroscience*

Frances Sayako Earle

PhD Candidate

University of Connecticut

Area of Study: *Perceptual Learning and Emergence of Phonetic Categories*

William Evans

PhD Candidate

Boston University

Area of Study: *Cognitive Communication Deficits in Aphasia*

Carolyn Falconer-Horne

PhD Candidate

New York University

Area of Study: *Neurorehabilitation of Aphasia and Related Motor Speech Disorders*

Michelle Ferrill

PhD Candidate

San Diego State University/University of California, San Diego

Area of Study: *Lexical Access and Auditory Language Processing in Aphasia*

Kendrea Focht

PhD Candidate

Medical University of South Carolina

Area of Study: *Age-Related Swallowing Changes Across the Healthy Adult Lifespan*

Laura Grant

PhD Candidate

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Area of Study: *Neural Mechanisms Underlying Voice and Swallow Function*

Teresa Gray

PhD Candidate

Boston University

Area of Study: *Bilingual Aphasia and Language Access*

Kathryn Greenslade

PhD Candidate

University of Washington

Area of Study: *Social-Communication Impairments in Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders*

Leah Helou

PhD Candidate

University of Pittsburgh

Area of Study: *Voice Biomechanics and Mind-Voice Pathways*

Derek Isetti

PhD Candidate

University of Washington

Area of Study: *Spasmodic Dysphonia and Psychosocial Consequences of Living with Chronic Voice Disorders*

Katrina McClannahan

PhD Candidate

University of Washington

Area of Study: *Neural Mechanisms of Perceptual Learning Related to Rehabilitation of People with Hearing Loss*

Thomas Page

PhD Candidate

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Area of Study: *Communication Development in Children with Hearing Loss*

Allison Schaser

PhD Candidate

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Area of Study: *Voice and Swallowing: Effects of Age and Exercise-Related Changes*

Adam Svec

PhD Candidate

University of Minnesota

Area of Study: *Speech Perception in Background Noise and Listeners with Hearing Loss*

Brian Weiler

PhD Candidate

Vanderbilt University

Area of Study: *Child Language Disorders, Grammatical Morphology, and Complex Syntax Development*

2012

Awarded \$10,000 each

Rachael R. Baiduc

PhD Candidate

Northwestern University

Area of Study: *Auditory Function and High-Risk Patients*

Janine L.S. Bartley

PhD Candidate

Florida State University

Area of Study: *Early Intervention and Autism Spectrum Disorder*

Michael I. Burns

PhD Candidate

University of Washington

Area of Study: *Patient-Provider Communication During Medical Interactions*

Geoffrey A. Coalson

PhD Candidate

University of Texas at Austin

Area of Study: *Language-based Variables on Developmental Stuttering*

Emily O'Dell Garnett

PhD Candidate

University of South Carolina

Area of Study: *Fluency Disorders; Neurogenic Communication Disorders*

Allison Gladfelter

PhD Candidate

Purdue University

Area of Study: *Language Development and Autism Spectrum Disorder*

Julia Hollister

PhD Candidate

University of Iowa

Area of Study: *Fluency and Impacts of Language and Temperament*

Marie Jette

PhD Candidate

University of Wisconsin, Madison

Area of Study: *Laryngeal Disease*

Suzanne N. King

PhD Candidate

University of Wisconsin, Madison

Area of Study: *Vocal Fold Scarring*

Benjamin Kirby

PhD Candidate

University of Iowa

Area of Study: *Cortical Evoked Potentials and Auditory Prostheses*

Emily Lund

PhD Candidate

Vanderbilt University

Area of Study: *Word-learning in Monolingual and Bilingual Children with Hearing Loss*

Sara K. Mamo

PhD Candidate

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Area of Study: *Speech Perception and Aging Auditory System*

Jennifer Mozeiko

PhD Candidate

University of Connecticut

Area of Study: *Traumatic Brain Injury; Aphasia*

Sofia M. Souto

PhD Candidate

Indiana University, Bloomington

Area of Study: *Bilingual Language Development and Specific Language Impairment*

Rene Lynn Utianski

PhD Candidate

Arizona State University

Area of Study: *Auditory Cognitive Neuroscience*

Sofia Vallila

PhD Candidate

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Area of Study: *Aphasia Rehabilitation; Learning and Memory*

Aaron Ziegler

PhD Candidate

University of Pittsburgh

Area of Study: *Voice Science; Vocal Biomechanics*

2011

Awarded \$10,000 each

Samira Anderson

PhD Candidate

Northwestern University

Rebecca S. Bartlett
PhD Candidate
University of Wisconsin–Madison

Naomi Bramhall
PhD Candidate
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Kathryn L. Cabbage
PhD Candidate
University of Nebraska–Lincoln

Ai Leen Choo
PhD Candidate
University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign

Meghan Darling
PhD Candidate
Purdue University

Alexandra Parbery-Clark
PhD Candidate
Northwestern University

Amy L. Schwarz
PhD Candidate
University of Texas at Dallas

Samantha E. Shune
PhD Candidate
University of Iowa

Lisa Wisman Weil
PhD Candidate
Purdue University

2010

Awarded \$10,000 each

Julia Campbell
PhD Candidate
University of Colorado at Boulder

Elizabeth Erickson
PhD Candidate
Purdue University

Kathleen Faulkner
PhD Candidate
University of Washington

Gerasimos Fergadiotis
PhD Candidate
Arizona State University

Jenya Iuzzini
PhD Candidate
Indiana University

Lisa LaGorio
PhD Candidate
University of Florida

Giang T. Pham
PhD Candidate
University of Minnesota

Mary Beth Schmitt
PhD Candidate
The Ohio State University

Krystal L. Werfel
PhD Candidate
Vanderbilt University

2009

Awarded \$10,000 each

Francois-Xavier Brajot
PhD Candidate
McGill University

Skott Freedman
PhD Candidate
San Diego State University/University of California

Andrea Hillock
PhD Candidate
Vanderbilt University

Skyler Jennings
PhD Candidate
Purdue University

Raul Rojas
PhD Candidate
Temple University

Emily Rusnak
PhD Candidate
Bowling Green State University

Emily Aileen Zimmerman
PhD Candidate
University of Kansas

2008

Awarded \$10,000 each

Sophie Ambrose
PhD Candidate
University of Kansas

Megha Bahl
PhD Candidate
University of Arizona

Angela Yarnell Bonino
PhD candidate
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Deanna Britton
PhD Candidate
University of Washington

Jamie L. Desjardins
PhD Candidate
Syracuse University

Kerry Danahy Ebert
PhD Candidate
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Aaron M. Johnson
PhD Candidate
University of Wisconsin, Madison

Karen Le
PhD Candidate
University of Connecticut

Jimin Lee
PhD Candidate
University of Wisconsin, Madison

Megan K. McPherson
PhD Candidate
Purdue University

Kimberly M. Meigh
PhD Candidate
University of Pittsburgh

Brandi L. Newkirk
PhD Candidate
Louisiana State University

Gayla L. Poling
PhD Candidate
Ohio State University

Meredith A. Poore
PhD Candidate
University of Kansas

Amy D. Rodriguez
PhD Candidate
University of Florida

Vicki M. Samelson
PhD Candidate
University of Iowa

April Gibbs Scott
PhD Candidate
University of Pittsburgh

Elizabeth Spencer
PhD Candidate
Vanderbilt University

Michelle S. Troche
PhD Candidate
University of Florida

Yihe Zu
PhD Candidate
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2007

Awarded \$10,000 each

Suzanne Adlof
PhD Candidate
University of Kansas

Curtis J. Billings
PhD Candidate
University of Washington

Bharath Chandrasekaran
PhD Candidate
Purdue University

Robin Samlan
PhD Candidate
University of Arizona

Gabriela Simon-Cereijido
PhD Candidate
San Diego State University/University of California, San Diego

2006

Awarded \$10,000 each

Lauren Calandruccio
PhD Candidate
Syracuse University

Helen Cullington
PhD Candidate
University of California, Irvine

Harrison N. Jones
PhD Candidate
University of Florida

Yunjung Kim
PhD Candidate
University of Wisconsin-Madison

Elizabeth C. Walker
PhD Candidate
University of Iowa

2005

Awarded \$10,000 each

Katrina B. Agung

PhD candidate
University of Texas at Dallas

Adriane DeMarco Baylis

PhD candidate
University of Minnesota

Jami F. Mayer

PhD candidate
Indiana University

Lizbeth H. Finestack

PhD candidate
The University of Kansas

Jason Tait Sanchez

PhD candidate
Kent State University,
Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine

Jennell C. Vick

PhD candidate
University of Washington

2004

Awarded \$10,000 each

Lendra Friesen

PhD candidate
University of Washington

Michael J. Hammer

PhD candidate
University of Kansas

William D. Hula

PhD candidate
University of Pittsburgh

Diane Ogiela

PhD candidate
Michigan State University

Louise Stanczak
ScD candidate
Boston University

2003

Awarded \$10,000 Each

Shannon Austermann
PhD candidate
San Diego State University and University of California-San Diego

Cathy Binger
PhD candidate
Pennsylvania State University

Gayle DeDe
ScD candidate
Boston University

Melanie Gregan
PhD candidate
University of Minnesota

Esther S. Kim
PhD candidate
University of Arizona

Nathan V. Welham
PhD candidate
University of Wisconsin-Madison