



College of Applied Health Sciences

The Department of Speech & Hearing Science seeks

DEPARTMENT HEAD

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The mission of the College of Applied Health Sciences at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign is to promote culturally relevant individual and community health and well-being across the lifespan, facilitate optimal living with disability, and foster the development of livable communities in a diverse society through learning, discovery and engagement. The Department of Speech & Hearing Science (SHS) within the College of Applied Health Sciences (AHS) is recognized as one of the top speech and hearing science departments in the nation, with highly ranked academic programs at the undergraduate, master’s and doctoral levels (Au.D. and Ph.D.). The department’s mission is to enhance communication across the lifespan by integrating research and clinical practice from the biological, behavioral, and social sciences. Departmental faculty conduct cutting-edge interdisciplinary research on health, human development and aging, and disability related to speech, language, swallowing, and hearing with a focus on developing new ways to assess, prevent and treat communication, swallowing and hearing disabilities.

The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign is a land-grant, American Association of Universities, world-class public research institution. The university provides strong support for research and opportunities for collaboration with leaders across campus and in the field.

LEAD THE DEPARTMENT OF SPEECH & HEARING SCIENCE

The department invites applications for the position of Department Head. SHS maintains a well-equipped research infrastructure with a significant portfolio of externally federally funded research and is committed to advancing diversity, equity and inclusion in professional practice and the professoriate.

Department facilities include (a) the recently renovated Speech & Hearing Science building that houses academic, research and collaborative spaces; (b) the Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology Clinic; and (c) the Collaboration Lab that houses clinical faculty offices, a classroom, multiple study spaces for clinical graduate students, and private spaces for telepractice. **The Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology Clinic** serves as both a training ground for our fully accredited graduate programs and as the community outreach and engagement arm of the department. Within the department, faculty research is organized into three major research areas: auditory-hearing science, speech perception and production, and language and cognitive communication.

Departmental activities contribute to the mission of the college. The college houses two interdisciplinary research centers: the Center on Health, Aging, and Disability (CHAD); and the Chez Veterans Center, as well as Disability Resources and Educational Services (DRES). Department faculty have interdisciplinary collaborations with colleagues in the colleges of Education; Liberal Arts and Sciences; Agriculture, Consumer and Environmental Sciences; Carle Illinois College of Medicine; Center for Social and Behavioral Science; Family Resiliency Center; Psychological Services Center; and Beckman Institute for Advanced Science and Technology. Faculty are also supported by the Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Institute, which organizes campus efforts to address health and wellness challenges and provides support for research infrastructure.

HIGHLY RANKED PROGRAMS

#14 Speech-Language Pathology

#16 Audiology Doctorate

2024 U.S. News and World Report

CLOSE DATE

6 p.m. (CST) Nov. 25, 2024

PROPOSED START DATE

Aug. 16, 2025

SALARY/APPOINTMENT

This is a full-time 9-month faculty appointment, with a 12-month department head stipend. The salary range for this position is \$175,000 to \$200,000, with the final salary offer determined through a thorough assessment of available market data, internal equity, candidate’s experience and qualifications, collective bargaining agreements, and budget constraints.

MORE INFORMATION

For further information about this specific position, please contact Raksha Mudar (raksha@illinois.edu). For questions regarding the application process, please contact 217-333-2137.

QUALIFICATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A successful candidate will hold a Doctorate in Communication Sciences and Disorders or a related discipline and be qualified for an appointment as a full professor. The Department Head will have an established scholarly record of contribution in the field, a compelling vision for the future of the department, and experience in administrative and/or leadership positions. Applicants should be dedicated to excellence in teaching, research and service and committed to advancing diversity, equity and inclusion.

Responsibilities include providing visionary leadership and direction for the department. The Head will oversee departmental organization, quality, efficiency of work, and policy and procedural compliance as well as develop and implement the department's strategic goals and policies in consultation with the faculty. The Head will promote a culture of excellence through professional development and mentoring of faculty and staff; assign teaching, service and leadership roles for faculty; and support faculty engagement in continuous improvement and evaluation of academic programs addressing evolving needs in the field. The Head will also oversee: initiatives to enhance student satisfaction; accreditation and student certification requirements for clinical training programs; hiring, evaluation and promotion of faculty and staff; and departmental financial matters.

The person hired in this role will represent the department at college and campus levels to advance initiatives for research, education, and engagement; build and maintain relationships with alumni, professionals, local and national organizations, clinics and other partners; provide leadership for development and advancement (fundraising) activities and priorities; and promote and foster a diverse, equitable and inclusive environment.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND DEADLINE INFORMATION

For full consideration, applications must be received by **6 p.m. (CST) on Nov. 25, 2024**. Applications not submitted through <https://jobs.illinois.edu> will not be considered. The following materials are required: **(1) a cover letter addressing qualifications and commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion, (2) a curriculum vitae and (3) names and contact information of three references.**

All requested information must be submitted for an application to be considered. Candidates will be notified before references are contacted and letters requested. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled.

ABOUT THE COMMUNITY

The university offers generous **employee benefits** including health insurance, retirement programs, tuition waivers and other development opportunities for personal and professional growth. The University assists faculty spouses and partners seeking employment through the **Dual Career Program** and encourages **work-life balance and family friendly programs**. To learn more about all Champaign-Urbana has to offer, [visit this page](#).

The University of Illinois must also comply with applicable federal export control laws and regulations and, as such, reserves the right to employ restricted party screening procedures for applicants.

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