

Position: PhD Studentship in the Educational Psychology Program, at the University of Alabama – College of Education

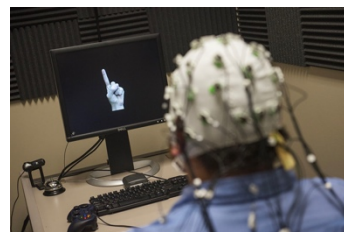
The University of Alabama invites applications for the Educational Psychology Ph.D. Program. The Educational Psychology Ph.D. Program consists of a human development and learning track, in addition to a PhD concentration in educational neuroscience. We are looking for students who are interested in studying the cognitive, affective, and/or neural mechanisms of learning and exploring educational implications in one or more domains relevant to education (e.g., STEM learning and cognition, language development & bilingualism, moral development, motivation and affect, cognitive and behavioral disorders). Students from diverse backgrounds (e.g., education, cognitive science, neuroscience, learning sciences, STEM fields, psychology, computer science) are encouraged to apply.



Program Faculty & Research Areas



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- Dr. David Walker: Moral psychology, character development, character education (ethicaldevelopment.ua.edu)
- Dr. Firat Soylu: Educational & cognitive neuroscience, mathematical cognition, STEM learning, embodied cognition, EEG/ERP, fMRI (felden.ua.edu)
- Dr. Hyemin Han: Educational neuroscience, social neuroscience, social development, positive psychology, computational simulations, educational interventions
- Dr. Jason Scofield: Child development, cognitive development, language development (scofield.people.ua.edu/abcd-research-lab)
- Dr. Laura Morett: Educational neuroscience, language processing and development (including second language learning), autism spectrum disorder, gesture (nerdlab.ua.edu)
- Dr. Macarena Suarez Pellicioni: Educational neuroscience, mathematical cognition, child development, learning, fMRI, ERPs (mpellicioni.people.ua.edu)

Funding: Funding, in the form of research and teaching assistantships and fellowships, is available to qualified students. As of 2022 Fall, 76.47% of PhD students (**100% among full-time 1st-5th year PhD students**) are supported by assistantships or fellowships. Additional summer funding available on a case-by-case basis.

What we offer:

- Fully equipped lab spaces, including testing rooms, students' offices, etc.
- Neuroscience equipment: EEG, eye tracking, etc.
- Access to a magnetic resonance imaging facility (MRI; <https://research.ua.edu/institutes-centers/alri/mri/>) on campus.
- Possibility of acquiring teaching experience based on the student's interest and qualifications.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Bachelor's or master's degree in a relevant field.
- Interest in conducting interdisciplinary research that incorporates methods and perspectives from education as well as the brain and cognitive sciences.
- Interest in educational applications broadly defined.
- Ability to work with students and faculty in a variety of disciplines.
- Strong writing and communication skills.
- Some research experience is strongly recommended.

Start Date: August 2023

Application Process: Please apply online at <http://graduate.ua.edu/prospects/application/>. A letter of application, curriculum vita, unofficial transcript of all coursework, and three reference letters are required to complete the online application process. The Educational Psychology Ph.D. Program does not require GRE scores for admissions and applications without GRE scores will be given a full review. However, applicants are encouraged to submit GRE scores, especially if they are seeking an assistantship, and/or applying without a master's degree. All non-native English speakers (domestic and international) must submit at least one language proficiency score report (i.e., TOEFL, IELTS, PTE). In response to COVID-19, international applicants now have the option to take the Duolingo English test (<https://englishtest.duolingo.com/>), which may be taken from any personal device. Please see the <https://admissions.ua.edu/international/english-language-proficiency/> for details.

You should select "Educational Psychology" as your intended major and indicate your preferred track in your letter of application. We will start reviewing all applications for Fall 2023 admissions on December 15th, 2022. Please contact Dr. Hyemin Han (hyemin.han@ua.edu), graduate program coordinator, if you have any questions.