Preparing Practice-Based Researchers with Expertise in Language and Literacy to Support High-Need Students with or at-risk for Learning Disabilities (LD)

Project ProPELL is a doctoral leadership program focused on Preparing Practice-Based Researchers with Expertise in Language and Literacy to Support High-Need Students with Learning Disabilities. The program is funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP).

Project ProPELL is affiliated with the UMD Language Science Center and the UMD Language and Literacy Research Center. Through these centers, students will have opportunities to interact with faculty and students across campus and beyond on issues in language and literacy.

Funding is prioritized for students interested in positions in higher education who wish to become experts in the areas of language and literacy research, including practice-based research and implementation, particularly as applied to high-need students with LD.

Applicants must have a master’s degree in a Special Education or a related field, and a minimum of 2-3 years of classroom teaching or comparative applied experience.

Accepted full-time applicants will receive the following benefits: Funding for four years of tuition and fees, an annual stipend, funding towards health insurance, travel allowance for conference presentations, and funding for implementing dissertation research.

Applicants must apply by December 1st, 2015 and no later than February 15th, 2016.

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Special Education Faculty at the University of Maryland (UMD) seek to recruit highly motivated students for a doctoral leadership cohort in our Ph.D. focused on Language and Literacy

Engage in Rich Academic Content
- General coursework in special education and research methods
- Specialized coursework in language and literacy

Participate in Unique Research and Mentoring Experiences
- Research apprenticeships with faculty on school-based projects
- Collaborative research-to-practice experience with local school districts

Hone Skills with Stellar Leadership Experiences
- An internship with a Washington D.C.-area research, policy, or practice organization
- Professional presentations to researchers, policy makers, and practitioners
- Opportunities to propose and lead outreach initiatives