The VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System’s (VAPHS) Geriatric Research Education and Clinical Center (GRECC) is seeking a Post-Doctoral Speech Pathology Research Fellow with interest in mechanisms and recovery of language functioning in neurologically impaired adults. The VA Pittsburgh GRECC clinical, research, and training missions are focused on stroke prevention, treatment, rehabilitation and outcomes. The speech and language research core includes four established investigators and two current post-doctoral fellows whose VA and NIH sponsored research is focused the mechanisms and consequences of neurogenic communicative disorders. The focus of this fellowship will be to contribute to an NIH-funded randomized controlled comparative effectiveness trial of two variants of semantic feature analysis treatment for naming impairment in aphasia. The project will offer opportunities for training and experience in RCT design and implementation, aphasia assessment and treatment, eye-tracking, task-based and resting-state functional brain imaging, and statistical modelling of behavioral and imaging data.

The successful applicant will (1) have a Ph.D. or clinical doctorate in Communication Science and Disorders, Speech and Hearing Science, or Speech-Language Pathology, (2) hold a current CCC-SLP, (3) have interest and experience in working with individuals with aphasia and/or cognitive impairment in the elderly, (4) possess a working knowledge of current theories and evidence-based approaches to the assessment and treatment of aphasia, (5) have strong organizational and interpersonal communication skills, (6) demonstrate initiative and flexibility in identifying successful strategies for accomplishing work-related goals and objectives, and (7) be a United States Citizen. These positions are term-limited appointments of 2-3 years duration.

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