Prerequisite

- All UG RAs in the Speech Communication Research Group (SCRG) are required to have taken Ling 250 (Sound Patterns in Human Language) with a grade in the A range.

Ling 399 registration

- Typically, undergraduate research assistants start out in the lab by registering for an independent study credit with me (Linguistics 399).
- This registration should be on a P/N basis (no letter grade possible). A “P” grade will be awarded unless a significant problem arises, such as failure to show up for appointments, persistent errors of negligence and/or carelessness, uncooperative attitude, or any other problem that obstructs progress on a lab project.
- The work for this credit involves a commitment of approximately 10 hours of lab work per week, although this is negotiable and we can have some flexibility around this depending on scheduling constraints and work availability.
- Tasks include testing research participants and entering data under the supervision of a graduate student and/or our project coordinator.
- Schedule permitting, RAs should attend our weekly lab meeting (10:30 am – 12 noon on Wednesdays).
- Following the first quarter of Ling 399 credit, if all is going well and provided there is sufficient work and funding, it may be possible to continue as a paid RA.

Paid RA position (following at least 1 quarter of successful Ling 399)

Following the Work-Study program guidelines (whether the RA is Work-Study eligible or not):

- **Job Title:** RESEARCH AIDE 3
- **Job Code Number:** 100074
- **Work-Study Pay Grade:** 75 ($7.50 - $9.90 per hour)
- Duties may include performing complex research tasks under the general direction of a supervisor; data analysis and interpretation, or statistical analysis; and conduct interviews.
- Desirable Qualifications: Junior or Senior; department major preferred; two years experience preferred, at least one year within same department required; computer experience, analytical skills, and ability to work with little supervision required.

- If possible (given Work-Study program rules) RAs start at $10/hour.
- During the academic year, we aim for 5-10 hours/week for each of the 10 weeks of the quarter, for a maximum of 100 hours/quarter.
- During the summer, we aim for 250-300 hours distributed over the summer weeks with some flexibility. Summer RAs are asked to be available during ISI (month of August).
- The RAs work schedule is worked out in consultation with the other group members with whom she/he will work (typically graduate students, postdocs and/or research associates in the lab).
- One of the work hours is attendance at the weekly group meeting which is always at 10:30 am – 12 noon on Wednesday during the academic year. If the RA can’t make this meeting during a specific quarter, then separate meetings with the relevant work team, will be arranged as needed.
- The remaining hours are to be spent on assisting with subject running, data entry, record keeping, transcription of recordings, acoustic analysis, data analysis, etc (to be explained by the team leader).