

**Linguistics Research Laboratory  
Foreign-Accented Speech Project  
Undergraduate Research Assistant Application**

Project Description:

We are currently collecting data to investigate whether the specific second language learned by a bilingual listener (i.e., Mandarin or Spanish) affects his / her ability to correctly perceive words produced by second language English speakers who speak Mandarin or Spanish as their first language. Among other tasks, undergraduate research assistants will complete human subjects training and then aid in the collection and analysis of perception data. Successful applicants will be paid \$9.00 per hour and will work approximately 10 – 15 hours per week during the remainder of the fall semester (approximately 10 weeks).

If you are interested in working as an undergraduate research assistant during the Fall 2013 semester:

1. Please complete the application below.
2. Email the completed application and a current resume to [wherd@english.msstate.edu](mailto:wherd@english.msstate.edu) or return it to Dr. Herd's mailbox, which is located in 104 Howell Hall.

Please note that preference will be given to students who have completed Introduction to Linguistics and who are earning a Linguistics Minor or TESOL Certificate.

All application materials are due by **Friday, September 6**. You will be contacted as soon as all applications are reviewed.

Thank you for your interest in the Linguistics Research Laboratory.

Sincerely,

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ NetID: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor / Other Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Overall GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Major GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated Graduate Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all courses that you have taken that are related to linguistics or behavioral research.

Please briefly explain why you are interested in gaining research experience and working on this project.

When can you begin working as a research assistant?

What days and hours will you be available to work in the lab? Current class schedule can be attached.

Please list the contact information for one faculty, lecturer, or instructor reference.