Program Description
The Council of Academic Programs in Communication Sciences and Disorders (CAPCSD) is committed to addressing the Ph.D. shortage in communication sciences and disorders. To this end, CAPCSD will address a salient factor influencing the Ph.D. pipeline: time to degree completion. CAPCSD announces a scholarship program for Ph.D. students focused on an academic career in communication sciences and disorders. CAPCSD will award up to 10 scholarships of $20,000 to each successful scholarship awardee. These scholarships are intended for those students who have advanced to candidacy (ABD). This scholarship program is open to all CAPCSD member programs.

* CAPCSD welcomes applications from students working toward any research doctoral degree, typically that would be a Ph.D.

Eligibility Requirements
- At the time of the application, candidates must have successfully advanced to candidacy in a regionally accredited academic program that is a CAPCSD member.
- Member programs may nominate only one scholarship application to be reviewed by CAPCSD. Member programs with multiple potential applicants may devise their own internal review process for the selection of the one application for review.

Application Process
A complete application requires five components:

1) Completed cover letter from applicant with brief introduction of the research project and stated commitment to an academic position upon completion of Ph.D. program. The cover letter should also include reference to current Ph.D. funding and how a CAPCSD Scholarship would facilitate completion of dissertation research (two pages, double-spaced, 12-point font).

2) Completed summary of dissertation research (1,000 word limit; ~3 double-spaced pages; 12-point font).
   a. Dissertation research summary/plan
   b. Background
   c. Specific aims/objectives
   d. Methods and outcome measures
   e. Anticipated completion date

3) Letter of support from research mentor.

4) Curriculum Vitae.

5) Mentor’s bio sketch.

Basis for Evaluation
- Stated commitment to an academic career in communication sciences and disorders
- Strength of proposed dissertation research project
- Strength of applicant CV (publishing, presenting, teaching, etc.)
• Strength of rationale for how this scholarship would impact timely completion of Ph.D.
• Strength of mentor nomination letter

**Deadline**
Application must be submitted by **Wednesday, February 1, 2017**. Successful applicants will be notified by mid-March 2017. Winners will be announced at the CAPCSD conference in New Orleans, April 19-22, 2017.

**Contact**
If you have questions, please contact the CAPCSD office (dortiz@capcsd.org).