

**Doctoral Funding Available at Michigan State University**

The [Special Education Program](#) in the Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology, and Special Education at Michigan State University is recruiting on-campus doctoral students to start Fall 2019. As part of on-going initiatives of Michigan State University, in collaboration with the State of Michigan and other external funding agencies, students can expect rigorous training to become experts in areas such as learning disabilities, autism spectrum disorder, intellectual disability, school-to-work transition, literacy, mathematics, and applied behavior analysis (see faculty profiles and hyperlink to websites below). Students may also receive training in various quantitative research methods including advanced statistical modeling, group design studies, and single subject studies, as well as in qualitative research methodology.

Experiences will include: (1) engagement in collaborative and independent research, (2) leadership roles in designing, implementing, and disseminating research, (3) interdisciplinary collaboration within and across the departments in the College of Education and Michigan State University, (4) attendance at state and/or national conferences in your research area, (5) training to become a research scholar in your area, and (6) regular meetings with mentors who provide support in research, teaching, and service to the profession.

Successful applicants can expect **five full years of support** that includes tuition coverage each year, health insurance, and a living stipend of approximately \$15,000 per year, with opportunities to obtain additional funding. Additional research and conference travel funding is available.

For more information about the doctoral program, please contact the Special Education Doctoral Program Director Dr. Emily Bouck ([ecb@msu.edu](mailto:ecb@msu.edu)) or any of the faculty listed below. Interested students may [apply online](#).

**Special Education Faculty Accepting Students and Profiles**

[Emily Bouck](#), Ph.D. – Professor and Special Education Program Coordinator

*Expertise:* Mathematics interventions, RtI for mathematics, functional curriculum

[Matthew Brodhead](#), Ph.D., BCBA-D – Assistant Professor

*Expertise:* Applied Behavior Analysis, autism intervention, ethics and professionalism

[Eunsoo Cho](#), Ph.D. – Assistant Professor

*Expertise:* learning disabilities, reading, motivation, assessment, statistical modeling

[Marisa Fisher](#), Ph.D., BCBA-D – Assistant Professor and Co-Director of Spartan Project SEARCH

*Expertise:* Bullying/victimization of individuals with IDD, [school-to-work transition](#), ABA

[Troy Mariage](#), Ph.D. – Associate Professor

*Expertise:* Literacy intervention research, cognitive strategy instruction, discourse processes in classrooms, sociocultural theory, qualitative research

[Joshua Plavnick](#), Ph.D., BCBA-D – Associate Professor and Director of the Early Learning Institute

*Expertise:* [Community-based early intensive behavioral intervention](#), technology in behavior analysis

[Gary Troia](#), Ph.D., CCC-SLP. – Associate Professor and Co-Editor, *Topics in Language Disorders*

*Expertise:* Writing development, assessment, and instruction; learning disabilities, oral language and literacy connections

[Adrea Truckenmiller](#), Ph.D. – Assistant Professor

*Expertise:* [Writing assessment](#), reading assessment, MTSS