



# Join VL2!

Visual Language  
Visual Learning (VL2)

**STUDENTS:** Want to transform research on how society views deaf people, reading acquisition in deaf children, and the foundations of language, literacy, and cognition?

## Who You Are:

An undergraduate, graduate, or doctoral student interested in understanding the biological, linguistic, cognitive, sociocultural, and pedagogical conditions that influence language and learning through the visual modality.

VL2 students and mentors from 9 universities at our annual student retreat!



## Why VL2?

VL2 students gain formidable **research, grant-writing, ethics, training, data analysis, and networking** skills that position them well for outstanding academic and educational careers!

### Eligible Universities:

American, Gallaudet, George Washington, Georgetown, Georgia Tech, RIT, San Diego State, UC San Diego, U. New Mexico, U-T Austin, Vanderbilt, Yale/Haskins  
(for up-to-date list, check [bit.ly/vl2students](http://bit.ly/vl2students))

Interested? Apply by September 30th!

VL2 Student Network: [bit.ly/vl2students](http://bit.ly/vl2students)

Laura-Ann Petitto (VL2 Science Director & Co-PI), Tom Allen (Co-PI)  
VL2 Student Leadership Team (SLT)

## Perks Include:

- Weekly “The VL2 Meeting” seminars with world-renowned researchers and mentors
- Yearly student retreats and NSF Site Visits
- Grant-writing, grant-reviewing, and leadership experience
- Cross-lab training opportunities at partnering universities
- Mentoring/networking with students, junior scientists, and senior researchers
- Experience with education and research translation
- Funding for travel and research (only students under a VL2 past or present PI)
- Participate in an ASL/English bilingual research environment