

About the GRI

Mission of the Gallaudet Research Institute

The Gallaudet Research Institute (GRI) strives to fulfill the university's legislated obligation to support and conduct research on topics of concern to deaf people and those who live and work with them. To this end, GRI aspires to stimulate student and faculty pursuit of new knowledge of value to their scholarly growth and to their discipline, by funding on-campus research and lectures. GRI scientists conduct studies of language and learning processes in American Sign Language and English among deaf people from diverse cultural and educational backgrounds. The GRI continues its long tradition as the preeminent source of demographic and assessment data about deaf youth throughout the United States.

GRI researchers gather and analyze data concerning the social, academic, and perceptual characteristics of deaf and hard of hearing populations, primarily to provide information needed by educators in the field. Staff are skilled in various research methodologies including surveys, test norming & assessment, ethnographic studies, clinical studies, and information management.

A list of staff members in the GRI is shown below. A [PDF version](#) is also available. For information about whom to contact for particular projects or research areas, visit [GRI CONTACT](#) website. The general office number is (202) 651-5575.

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