Cliodhna Hughes

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Education

2022–2026   **University of Sheffield**, PhD with Integrated PGDip, UKRI Center for Doctoral Training in Speech and Language Technologies and their Applications.

2018–2022   **University of Edinburgh**, Linguistics (MA Hons), First Class Honours Degree.
- Honours courses covering speech technology, phonetics, language evolution, first language acquisition and statistics and experimental design.
- Dissertation: Evidence in Support of a Cognitive Bias for Cross-Category Harmony between the Verb Phrase and the Adpositional Phrase in the Absence of Surface-Level Patterns.

Research and Work Experience

2019, 2021–2023   **Senior Transcriber**, *University of Edinburgh School of Philosophy, Psychology & Language Sciences*, Edinburgh, UK.
- Using a web-based app to code the meanings of words in a corpus of child language data, for use in research on polysemy in child language acquisition.

2021   **Transcriber**, *University of Edinburgh School of Philosophy, Psychology & Language Sciences*, Edinburgh, UK.
- Transcribed child responses to a number of tasks, both in English orthography and IPA.

2019–2020   **Voluntary Research Assistant**, *Edinburgh Laboratory for Language Development*.
- Transcribed recorded parent-child interactions using CLAN.
- Extracted and annotated utterances from recordings using Praat.
- Observed child language experiments in the lab using the head-turn preference procedure.
- Recruited participants.

Conference Presentations

2023   **UKSpeech Conference 2023**, *Singing Voice Banking and Conversion (poster presentation)*, Supervised by Professor Guy Brown and Dr Ning Ma.

2022   **71st Studentische Tagung Sprachwissenschaft (StuTS)**, *On Forced-Alignment and its Utility in Corpora for Phonetic Research*.

2022   **71st Studentische Tagung Sprachwissenschaft (StuTS)**, *Evidence in Support of a Cognitive Bias for Cross-Category Harmony Between the Verb Phrase and the Adpositional Phrase in the Absence of Surface-Level Patterns*, Supervised by Professor Simon Kirby and Professor Jennifer Culbertson.

2022 **University of Edinburgh Linguistics and English Language Dissertation Conference 2022**, *Evidence in Support of a Cognitive Bias for Cross-Category Harmony Between the Verb Phrase and the Adpositional Phrase in the Absence of Surface-Level Patterns*, Supervised by Professor Simon Kirby and Professor Jennifer Culbertson.

2022 **Undergraduate Linguistics Association of Britain Conference 2022**, *An Exploration of Syntactic Harmony between the Verb Phrase and the Adpositional Phrase*, Supervised by Professor Simon Kirby and Professor Jennifer Culbertson.

2021 **Undergraduate Linguistics Association of Britain Conference 2021**, *The nun is in the saucepan: word-order harmony in silent gesture improvisation of verb phrases and adpositional phrases*, Co-authored with Rea Caballero, Ailsa Anderson, Rafaela Alford and Simon Kirby.

2021 **Edinburgh University Young Scientific Researchers Association Conference 2021**, *A corpus comparison of transitional probabilities in infant-directed speech and adult-directed speech*, Co-authored with Em Charreteur and Fern Tan. Supervised by Professor Mits Ota.

Awards

2022 **LAGB Prize for Outstanding Undergraduate Dissertation in Linguistics**, £100.

2022 **Angus McIntosh Prize**, *prize for best Honours dissertation in Linguistics and/or English Language at the University of Edinburgh*, £100.

2020 **Ailie Donald Memorial Prize**, *prize for best second year single Honours Linguistics and/or English Language student at the University of Edinburgh going on to study the subject at Honours level*, £1000.

Selected Professional Activities and Services

2023–2024 **President**, *Sheffield University Speech and Language Technology Society*.

2022–2023 **Programme Chair**, *UKSpeech 2023 Conference*.
- Created bursaries to help students attend the conference.
- Organised a Best Student Poster Competition.

2022–2023 **Opportunities Coordinator**, *Undergraduate Linguistics Association of Britain (ULAB)*.
- Organised and ran a careers event for linguistics students looking for job opportunities both within and outside of linguistics.
- Created bursaries to help undergraduates attend linguistics conferences.

2020–2022 **National Chair**, *Undergraduate Linguistics Association of Britain (ULAB)*.
- Coordinated ULAB National Committee through chairing regular committee meetings.
- Supported ULAB Local Committees in organising annual conferences.

2020–2022 **Founder, Associate Editor**, *Journal of the Undergraduate Linguistics Association of Britain (JoULAB)*.

2018–2021 **President, Secretary, First Year Representative**, *Edinburgh University Linguistics Society*.

2019–2021 **Coordinator & Volunteer**, *FamiLing Peer Support*.