Language Science Day brought together most of the University of Maryland’s 200 language science researchers to improve awareness of the impressive range of language-related research to be found throughout the university. The event showcased ongoing projects from 16 departments and research institutions and facilitated networking among all participants to jump-start interdisciplinary connections. The event was a success with over 150 people participating, proving both the need for, and the benefits of, supporting the university-wide interdisciplinary effort.

The event opened with a networking lunch during which researchers and students were introduced to language science-related opportunities through short talks given by newly appointed faculty representatives from 8 programs and departments.

Through more formal presentations, graduate students showcased results from their ongoing interdisciplinary research, demonstrating the accessibility, feasibility, and advantages of inter-departmental collaborative work. Faculty from CASL and the NSF-IGERT program gave progress reports on broader integrative goals and opportunities.

During two poster sessions, representatives from over 25 groups and laboratories presented ongoing work on aspects of language science ranging from theoretical research to clinical applications.

Language Science Day brought together the biggest gathering of University of Maryland language scientists to date. Students, researchers, faculty members, and administrators discussed current research, interdisciplinary efforts, future collaborations, and the latest developments in their field.