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Get Ready for SNL 2026 in Beautiful Geneva, Switzerland

The 18th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Neurobiology of Language will be held from September 30 to October 2, 2026 in Geneva, Switzerland at the [Geneva International Conference Centre \(CICG\)](#).

Find more information on their website about [how to get there from the airport, train station, or city center](#). A welcome reception will also take place on September 29 at [Campus Biotech](#), located at [Chemin des mines 9, Geneva](#).



Renew Your Membership for 2026

Your 2025 membership expired at the end of last year.

[Renew now](#) to maintain access to SNL Membership Benefits, including reduced registration rates, eligibility to submit and present your research, access to recorded talks, discounted article processing charges, travel award opportunities, voting privileges, and more. Discounted membership rates are available.

Session Recordings from SNL 2025 are Available

Missed a talk or want to revisit your favorites? Session recordings are now available for all Keynote Lectures, Symposia, the Panel Session, Slide Sessions, and Award Sessions.

To watch, simply log in to your [SNL Account](#), visit the session page of your choice, and click "View Recording."

Please note: You must be a current SNL member (2025 or later) or an SNL 2025 attendee to access recordings.



Upcoming Virtual Activities

Select an activity for more information or to join the activity.

[Making accessible summaries of language neuroscience research](#)

Friday, March 6, 2026, 6:00 - 7:00 pm CET Europe/Zurich

Organized by: Deborah Levy





Job Postings and Announcements

If you have a job posting, general announcement, or conference that you would like to include in the SNL Newsletter, please send it to newsletter@neurolang.org.



Job Postings

NIH T32 Postdoctoral fellowship at Purdue University

Postdoctoral Fellowship: The Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences at **Purdue University** invites applications for a postdoctoral fellowship from the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders, National Institutes of Health beginning July 1, 2026, or later. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or have permanent resident status. This will be a one-year appointment initially, with a second year dependent on renewal of funding and candidate's progress. Individuals may seek training in research areas that span basic and applied mechanisms in Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences. Potential mentors include: Joshua Alexander, Arielle Borovsky, Françoise Brosseau-Lapr , Michael Heinz, Natalya Kaganovich, Brandon Keehn, Kwang Kim, Arianna LaCroix, Jiyeon Lee, Malinda McPherson, Jane Mondul, Allison Schaser, and Preeti Sivasankar. Applicants should contact appropriate individuals on this list prior to submitting an application. A description of the research areas of these potential mentors can be found at <https://hhs.purdue.edu/research/departamental-research/departement-of-speech-language-and-hearing-sciences-research/> or by scanning the QR code below. Application materials should include a statement of interest including desired research trajectory, three letters of recommendation, a curriculum vitae, and copies of relevant publications. These materials should be sent to Vanessa Williams, Lead Administrative Assistant, at vwilliam@purdue.edu. Questions about the position should be directed to Elizabeth Strickland, Program Director, at estrick@purdue.edu. Deadline for submission of applications is March 13, 2026. Purdue University is an equal opportunity/equal access/affirmative action employer fully committed to achieving a diverse workforce.



Postdoctoral Fellow in Communication Sciences and Disorders at Chapman University

Crean College of Health and Behavioral Sciences at Chapman University invites applications for a Postdoctoral Fellow in Communication Sciences and Disorders, beginning summer 2026, to work in Dirk den Ouden's Chapman Aphasia and Neurolinguistics Lab (CHANL).

The Postdoctoral Fellow will be trained on the use of brain stimulation hardware and software for transcranial electrical stimulation (TES) and contribute to projects on language mapping in healthy individuals and on interventional neurostimulation in individuals with aphasia. They will also be trained in magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and contribute to the acquisition, processing and analysis of behavioral and neuroimaging data from healthy speakers as well as people with aphasia. The Postdoctoral Fellow will contribute to the organization and execution of several research projects in the lab, as well as to the mentoring of graduate and undergraduate research assistants. CHANL projects are related to the neurobiology of language and recovery from aphasia, including both impairment-based and functional approaches to recovery, such as through drama intervention.

Informal inquiries can be made to Dr. Dirk den Ouden, PhD, (denouden@chapman.edu). For more information and to apply, please visit <https://apply.interfolio.com/180268>



PhD and Postdoc positions at the University of Geneva

We invite applications for a PhD and a postdoc position to work on the project “Neural Pathways of Dynamic Binding in Language” funded by the [Swiss National Science Foundation](#), awarded to Nina Kazanina (PI) and Pierre Megevand (co-I) at the [Department of Basic Neuroscience](#), University of Geneva (UNIGE). The project will use MEG and intracranial EEG recordings to investigate mechanisms of syntactic binding and relational binding in language and in vision.

Applicants should have a background in neuroscience, medicine, psychology, (computational or psycho-)linguistics, electrical or biomedical engineering, or a related field. An ideal candidate will possess a broad understanding of the fundamentals of language, especially in the domain of syntax/semantics, and the neurobiology of language/memory/vision/thought, creative ideas, ambition, and be able to develop a strong interdisciplinary approach to the question of relational binding. Candidates should also demonstrate excellent data processing and analysis skills (Python, R, MATLAB), experience with electrophysiological recordings and analysis (scalp or intracranial EEG, MEG; structural MRI), and proficient writing skills. The ability and desire for teamwork and knowledge-sharing are essential.

The positions are hosted by the [Department of Basic Neuroscience](#) at the University of Geneva. Being the hosting department for the [NCCR Evolving Language](#) at UNIGE, the department and the university provide a unique vibrant context for research on language. The University's [Human Neuroscience Platform](#) provides access to a range of state-of-the art facilities for neuroscience research.

The PhD and postdoc positions are full-time and renewable for up to 4 years subject to successful progress reviews annually. Both positions offer a competitive salary in line with the University of Geneva pay scales. The working language will be English; knowledge of French / intention to learn French is an asset. The starting date is in the spring of 2026.

To apply, please upload the following documents **as a single .pdf file** to <https://tinyurl.com/54u726tt>: (1) a research/motivation statement outlining your research experience, interests, career plans and fit to the position, (2) a CV with the names of three possible referees, and (3) 1-2 sample publications/preprints or, if unavailable (for PhD student applications only), a ~500-word description of a previous research project.

Applications should be submitted as a single pdf. All applications submitted by the closing date of **March 2, 2026** will be considered; afterwards applications will be considered on an as-required basis. For more details, please email nina.kazanina@unige.ch with the subject “SNSF_Relations position enquiry”.



Postdoctoral Position Cognition & Neuroimaging of Acute to Chronic Stroke University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, TX

The Schnur laboratory at the McGovern Medical School, University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston invites applications for a postdoctoral fellowship as part of the NIH project “Recovery of Language and Theory of Mind after Stroke”. The position is a full-time paid position.

Our laboratory enrolls participants in the acute phase of stroke for behavioral testing and neuroimaging from three comprehensive stroke centers in the Houston Texas Medical Center. The goal of the project is to understand the neural, cognitive, and social communication systems which contribute to recovery of language in the year following stroke. We enjoy collaborations with research groups in Houston as well as nationally and internationally. Our laboratory is located within the TIRR Memorial Hermann Research Center in the center of Houston, a 10-minute walk to patient recruitment sites in the Texas Medical Center, 5-minutes from the Baylor College of Medicine's Center for Advanced Magnetic Resonance Imaging (CAMRI), and a 10-minute walk to the Houston METRO Rail. At CAMRI, we collect quantitative and functional neuroimaging on state-of-the art 3T Siemens Prisma scanners.

The position is for 24 months. The start date is flexible but would ideally be around July 2026.

Strongly preferred: The successful candidate should have a PhD in a field related to cognitive neuroscience. Strong expertise in human fMRI and/or quantitative neuroimaging data analysis in clinical populations and strong statistical expertise with multivariate behavioral data as evidenced by the Ph.D. thesis and/or publications are preferred. Desirable additional qualifications include experience in either cognitive psychology of language and/or social-affective cognition, with evidence of successful manuscript preparation and experience with Python, MATLAB, and R.

Informal inquiries can be made to Dr. Tatiana Schnur (scanlab@uth.tmc.edu).

Please prepare the below materials combined into one document (.doc or .pdf) and send to scanlab@uth.tmc.edu. In addition, please formally apply here (<https://tinyurl.com/ymauthwf>). We will begin reviewing applications March 16, 2026.

- A one-page cover letter (include specific examples of qualifications for the position, why the position is of interest, and your career goals)
- CV
- A statement of research interests (up to 1-page, including relevant background for this position)
- The name and email addresses of three references



Master in Cognitive Neuroscience of Language – BCBL Basque Center on Cognition, Brain and Language

The Master's program aims to provide specialized, comprehensive and rigorous training in the Cognitive Neuroscience of Language. The [Master's program](#) includes core courses (theoretical and methodological), advanced elective courses, and a research-based project at the end of the program. Students learn from the world-class scientists at the Basque Center on Cognition, Brain, and Language.

The Master's program is aimed at university graduates with various degrees who are interested in the Cognitive Neuroscience of Language, including previous training in psychology or linguistics, as well as language-oriented training in cognitive science, computer science, or mathematics. The duration of the program is one academic year with 60 ECTS credits. Students will develop research skills through the mentorship of experts and by completing a Master's Research Project at the end of the program. The language of instruction is English. Selecting the appropriate Masters program is the best way to start a successful research career, and in fact, several of our current PhD students began their research careers in our Master's program.

In the 15 years that we have been running our Master's program, graduates have gone on to PhD programs in places such as New York University, the Donders Center at Radboud University, UC San Diego, the Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics, Michigan State University, the University of Bielefeld, and our own PhD program at BCBL.

For more information about the master's program, visit <https://www.bcbi.eu/en/study-with-us/master-cognitive-neuroscience-language>

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Application Process

Details of application requirements can be found at: <https://www.bcbi.eu/en/study-with-us/master-cognitive-neuroscience-language>

Application Period

All applications sent to mastercnl@bcbi.eu until **27 March** will be considered.

The preregistration period opens from March 2 until March 27 and it is necessary to choose our master's degree as the first option. <https://www.ehu.eus/en/web/masterrak-eta-graduondokoak/university-masters-degrees/pre-enrolment-and-admission>

Once it has been verified that each candidate meets all the criteria established by the university, this institution must validate the result. Graduated students will have preference.

You can find more information here: <https://www.ehu.eus/en/web/master/master-cognitive-neuroscience-language/registration>

APPLICATION COMPONENTS

to be sent by e-mail to mastercnl@bcbi.eu:

- Scanned ID (Spanish and European applicants) or Passport (international applicants)
- Degree certificate
- Transcripts of records
- Résumé (CV)
- Letters of recommendation:
 1. Either letters from two different Professors, or
 2. One letter from a Full Professor (you may also include a letter from a second Professor if you use this option, but it is not required)
- 1 essay stating your research interests (1 page maximum, .pdf format)
- Certificate of English level is mandatory for applicants who attended a non-English-speaking undergraduate university



Other

CALL FOR PAPERS

Towards a Deeper Understanding of the Relationship Between the Neurobiology of Language and Consciousness

Guest Editors: Charlene Aubinet and Jeremy I Skipper

Submission Deadline: September 1, 2026.

We are pleased to announce a call for papers for a special issue of the Neurobiology of Language, dedicated to uncovering the neurobiological relationship between language and consciousness. Although both processes are central to human cognition, the brain mechanisms underlying their interactions, integration, and possible inseparability remain poorly understood. Emerging research suggests that language not only reflects conscious thought but may actively shape and even determine it through processes such as cortical tracking, semantic integration, and inner speech. This special issue seeks to highlight studies that illuminate how language-associated brain systems are related to various states of awareness, including sleep, anesthesia, altered or non-ordinary states, and disorders of consciousness.

We invite research articles that examine how both general and specific neural substrates of language—syntax, semantics, prosody, phonological memory—interact with markers of conscious processing across typical and altered states. Contributions using neuroimaging, electrophysiology, intracranial recordings, brain stimulation, and computational modeling are welcome. We particularly encourage work that advances mechanistic understanding, bridges basic and clinical neuroscience, or informs theoretical and translational frameworks. Developmental, clinical, and comparative perspectives are especially valued.

Possible Topics

- Brain mechanisms of language across conscious states: Studies examining how language-related brain activity (e.g., cortical tracking, semantic network activation) varies with consciousness levels and content.
- Developmental and evolutionary perspectives: Research on how language and consciousness co-develop in infants and children, and the evolutionary emergence of language–awareness links across species.
- Language in altered or non-ordinary states of consciousness: Research examining how altered states, like those induced by psychedelic compounds and advanced meditation, jointly affect language and consciousness, and how these changes might help explain the phenomenology of these states.
- Language in disorders of consciousness: Investigations into residual language processing in patients with minimal consciousness, locked-in syndrome, or vegetative states, and its prognostic or therapeutic relevance.
- Computational and theoretical models: Frameworks and simulations addressing how brain systems associated with language systems interact and integrate with conscious processing architectures.

This special issue seeks to bridge cognitive neuroscience, linguistics, and clinical neurobiology to refine theoretical models of both the neurobiology of language and consciousness and inform translational applications.

How to submit

- Please submit your manuscripts online via the NoL Editorial Manager system.

- We welcome research articles, review articles, meta-analyses, and short communications. Manuscripts should be original and not previously published or under consideration elsewhere (excluding conference proceedings papers and pre-prints).
- For authors' guidelines and submission details, please visit the NoL website: <https://direct.mit.edu/nol/pages/submission-guidelines>.
- Manuscripts can be submitted until the deadline **Sept 1st, 2026**.
- All submissions passing pre-check will undergo rigorous double-anonymized peer review.
- Accepted papers will be promptly published in the journal on a rolling basis.
- The journal is fully open-access, with **article processing charges** (APCs) of \$1,200 USD for members of the Society for Neurobiology of Language (first and last authors), and \$1,800 USD for non-members. Fee waivers are granted to authors from low-income countries and may be available by request for others with limited access to resources.



Cognitive Neuroscience Society (CNS) 2026 Annual Meeting

The full schedule for CNS 2026 is live! Explore symposia, workshops, socials, poster sessions, and networking events to plan your meeting experience. Check it out here: <https://www.cogneurosociety.org/schedule-of-events/>

Join us in Vancouver, BC for an unforgettable meeting packed with cutting-edge science plus plenty of networking over coffee and our welcome reception! Don't miss out — **secure your spot today!** Click here to register: <https://cogneurosociety.org/registration/>



Fetal, Infant, and Toddler Neuroimaging Group (FIT'NG) Annual Conference

We are pleased to announce that abstract and symposia submissions for the Fetal, Infant, and Toddler Neuroimaging Group (FIT'NG) Annual Conference are now open, with a **submission deadline of February 25, 2026**.

- Abstract submissions: <https://fitng.org/poster-oral-submissions/>
- Symposia submissions: <https://fitng.org/symposium-submissions/>

We are also excited to share that outstanding abstracts will be selected for **Young Investigator Awards** and **Poster Awards**, recognizing exceptional contributions from early-career researchers (<https://fitng.org/conference-awards/>).

FIT'NG provides a forum that brings together scientists and clinicians across multiple disciplines, including neuroscience, computer science, biomedical engineering, psychology, psychiatry, and public health, across career stages and geographic regions, with the goal of encouraging collaboration and innovation.

FIT'NG will be held immediately following the ICIS meeting. If you are planning to attend ICIS, we strongly encourage you to stay and join us at FIT'NG for continued scientific exchange and networking.

We warmly invite you to submit your work and share this announcement with interested colleagues and trainees.

We look forward to your submissions and to seeing you in Panama City at FIT'NG (July 10—11, 2026).



National Aphasia Association (NAA)

On behalf of the National Aphasia Association (NAA), we wanted to let your community know about a new, dedicated Research section on our website that is designed to connect researchers and potential participants in the aphasia community. Given many members of the SNL community are involved with aphasia research and work with individuals with aphasia, we are wondering if you might be willing to post about our new research database, and how researchers can post their studies, in one of your upcoming newsletters? If so,

we are happy to provide the information in whatever format/style works best, and can make a demo video and/or flyer if you think that would be useful to your group.

As a brief overview for how our research site works:

- IRB-approved studies can be submitted through a simple form.
- Studies are displayed in an easy-to-navigate list that can be filtered by topic, location, and eligibility.
- Each listing includes a quick summary—and if a visitor is interested, they can click to send an email inquiry directly to the researcher.
- Our website is an easy way to recruit for a current study or share opportunities with clients!

Here are links for the [post a study](#) (for researchers) and [join a study](#) (for individuals with aphasia and their loved ones) pages.

Thank you so much for considering and please let us know what questions you have.



6th International Conference on Neuroscience and Psychiatry November 06–07, 2026 | Dubai, United Arab Emirates

The 6th International Conference on Neuroscience and Psychiatry will bring together leading researchers, clinicians, academicians, and mental health professionals from around the world to explore the theme “Modern Revolution for the Future of Neuroscience and Psychiatry.”

The conference will feature keynote lectures, oral and poster presentations, and interdisciplinary discussions covering cutting-edge research in neuroscience, psychiatry, cognitive science, digital mental health, neuroimaging, translational research, and clinical innovation.

Over the past five years, the conference has consistently welcomed 90+ international participants per edition, fostering focused and interactive discussions.

This meeting offers a valuable platform for scientific exchange, networking, and collaboration across disciplines, fostering dialogue on emerging discoveries and practical applications in brain and mental health sciences.

For more information and abstract submission details, please visit:

<https://www.neuroscience.scientexconference.com/>



X-PPL: Crosslinguistic Perspectives on Processing and Learning 2026 (Basque Country)

The Crosslinguistic Perspectives on Processing and Learning Workshop (X-PPL) brings together the growing community of researchers working to expand the diversity of languages in the scope of psycholinguistic and neuroscience research. This research is driven by the recognition that structural/typological and socio-cultural diversity provides important and unique opportunities to see language processing and language learning mechanisms at work. The bulk of processing and acquisition research represents only a small fraction of linguistic diversity, and this current state risks biasing both our theories and our research questions. The X-PPL workshop aims to fill this gap and provide a platform for cross-linguistic research on language processing and learning.

After several editions held at the University of Zurich (Switzerland), the conference will become itinerant this year and will be hosted by the AHAL Aquitaine Multilingual Lab (IKER-CNRS), at the University of Pau campus in Bayonne, from September 23 to 25, 2026.

The keynote speakers of this edition are:

- Nina Kazanina (University of Geneva)
- Evan Kidd (Australian National University)
- Julia Krebs (University of Salzburg).

We invite contributions on any topic on language processing and acquisition which take into account typological diversity and/or lesser-studied languages. We also invite abstracts on (a) methodological, cultural

or other issues that research on language processing and learning outside of the lab might encounter or (b) plans for cross-linguistic work.

Abstracts should be submitted as single-page PDFs by April 30 2026 at this link: <https://x-ppl-26.sciencesconf.org/user/createaccount>

Enquiries can be sent to x-ppl-26@sciencesconf.org

This year's [SNL](#) annual meeting will take place in Geneva in the week following X-PPL (30 September–2 October). Bayonne is conveniently connected to Geneva by both train (via Paris, approximately 8 hours in total) and by air (direct flights of around 1 hour), facilitating attendance at both meetings.



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