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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](#).



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Symposium Proposals for SNL 2026 in Geneva Are Now Open!

Symposium Submission Deadline:
March 25, 2026.

Note: Proposing or speaking in a symposium does *not* prevent you from submitting a separate abstract for a slide or poster presentation.

Submit here:
<https://2026.neurolang.org/symposium-submissions/>

Abstract Submissions for SNL 2026 in Geneva Are Now Open!

We're also excited to bring back the **Sandbox Series** for posters—the perfect chance to get feedback on planned or in-progress work.

Abstract Submission Deadline:
May 22, 2026

Submit here:
<https://2026.neurolang.org/abstract-submissions/>



Upcoming Important Dates

March 25, 2026 - Deadline to Submit a Symposium Submission
April 1, 2026 - Board of Directors Nominations Open
April 2, 2026 - Early Career Award Nominations Open
April 2, 2026 - Dissertation Award Nominations Open
April 6, 2026 - Symposium Notifications Sent
April 7, 2026 - Distinguished Career Award Nominations Open
April 17, 2026 - Travel Award Applications Open



Upcoming Virtual Activities



[Neurobiology of Language](https://www.mitpressjournals.org/nol) is the open-access journal sponsored by the Society for the Neurobiology of Language and MIT Press. Launched in March 2019, the journal provides a new venue for articles across a range of disciplines addressing the neurobiological basis of speech and language. To learn more about Neurobiology of Language and how to submit articles, go to: <https://www.mitpressjournals.org/nol>



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

Postdoctoral Position in Electrophysiology and Computational Modeling of Language (Start date: by June 1, 2026)

The NeuroCognition of Language Lab (PI: Gina Kuperberg), jointly based at Tufts University and the Martinos Center for Biomedical Imaging at Massachusetts General Hospital (Boston), invites applications for a fully funded, two-year postdoctoral position.

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled, with an intended start date of June 1, 2026

This position offers opportunities to pursue theory-driven research at the intersection of psycholinguistics, computational neuroscience, and electrophysiology. We are especially interested in applicants whose expertise aligns with one or more of the following areas:

1. **Electrophysiology and predictive processing in sentence and discourse comprehension** - *Using MEG and/or EEG to characterize the spatiotemporal dynamics of predictive processing during real-time language comprehension, with an emphasis on sentence- and discourse-level mechanisms.*
2. **Computational modeling of comprehension** - *Developing mechanistic models (e.g., predictive coding simulations), and linking model behavior to behavioral and neural signatures of comprehension. We are also interested in decision-making and confidence-updating frameworks that formalize how comprehenders evaluate uncertainty, accumulate error evidence, and engage reprocessing following linguistic errors.*
3. **Language production in schizophrenia and computational language analysis** - *Analyzing large-scale corpora of patient speech, using computational language methods, including Large Language Models (LLMs), to quantify and understand disorganized language production in schizophrenia.*

Applicants must hold a Ph.D. in cognitive science, psycholinguistics, psychology, linguistics, neuroscience, computational neuroscience, or a related field. Candidates may be strongest in one area (electrophysiology, computational modeling, or NLP/LLM-based language analysis), while demonstrating interest in the broader research program.

Core qualifications

- Strong interest in mechanistic accounts of sentence and discourse comprehension and its neural implementation
- Strong computational and programming skills (Python, MATLAB, and/or R)
- Experience with linear mixed-effects models and related statistical approaches

Additional qualifications (one or more, depending on area of focus)

- Experience collecting and/or analyzing EEG and/or MEG data
- Experience developing and testing computational models of comprehension, for example predictive coding simulations

- Experience applying computational language analysis methods, including distributional semantic similarity and embedding-based metrics, topic models, and LLM-based approaches, to understanding behavioral and neural data from naturalistic language paradigms

For more about our lab, see our website: <https://kuperberglab.com/>

Massachusetts General Hospital and Tufts University are equal opportunity and affirmative action employers. Full-time employees receive full benefits.

To apply, please send the following materials to Gina Kuperberg, M.D., Ph.D.

(gkuperberg@mgh.harvard.edu) and cc Arim Choi (arim.choi@tufts.edu):

1. Cover letter describing research experience and interests, including (i) which project area(s) you are applying to, and (ii) a brief statement of fit connecting your interests to the lab's approach (for example, by referencing 1–2 relevant papers from our group or closely related work)
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. Names and contact details of references
4. PDFs of published or submitted papers



University Professor (W3) of General Linguistics with a Focus on Neurolinguistics

JGU Mainz is seeking applications from leaders in the field who will make a significant contribution to shaping interdisciplinary linguistics with a strong focus on research and cooperation in conjunction with other linguistic disciplines at JGU. The successful candidate will represent the field of General Linguistics with a focus on Neurolinguistics in its full breadth in research and teaching and will collaborate closely with the professorship in General and Comparative Linguistics with a focus on Typology. A well-equipped laboratory with EEG and eye-tracking facilities is available. Cooperation with other linguistic disciplines at JGU is expected. Ideally, the candidate is willing to engage in interdisciplinary collaboration, particularly beyond faculty boundaries.

Details, requirements etc. as well as a link to the application portal can be found

here: <https://berufungsportal.uni-mainz.de/ausschreibungen/53%3Fflang%3Dde?lang=en>

Application deadline: April 9, 2026



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

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.

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



Post-doctoral fellowship in computational neurolinguistics and bilingualism at the University of Michigan

The [Computational Neurolinguistics Lab](#) at the [University of Michigan Linguistics Department](#) is looking for a post-doctoral fellow to contribute to a NSF-funded project using computational methods and EEG to study predictive processing in multilingual populations.

The successful candidate will work under the supervision of Professor [Jonathan Brennan](#). The position will involve working with electroencephalography (EEG) data from bilingual speakers of English, Mandarin, and Spanish and developing/testing computational models of second-language processing. The work is part of the NSF project "[Predictive processing in naturalistic language comprehension through EEG and computational modeling](#)", which is a collaboration between Dr. Brennan, and Dr. Edith Kaan at the University of Florida.

Applicants should have advanced experience in some combination of electrophysiological signal analysis, computational linguistics, and theories and methods in psycholinguistics and bilingualism. Applicants should have strong familiarity with data analysis in Python and/or R. Familiarity with Spanish and/or Mandarin will be an added benefit (but is not a requirement).

This is a one year position that may be renewed for a second year. The starting date is September 1, 2026; there is some flexibility to meet the needs of the successful applicant. Application review will begin April 15 2026 and will continue until the position is filled.

Applications should include a cover letter explaining qualifications for the position, a CV, research statement, and one or more (up to three) representative publications, manuscripts, or dissertation chapters should be included as part of your application. Materials should include a clear statement of skills related to the project and should address the applicant's commitment to mentorship. Please also arrange to have three letters of recommendation submitted with the application materials. If the letters need to be sent separately, have the recommenders send the letters to lingsearch@umich.edu. When submitting application materials, convert all materials into one pdf document to submit through the UM job portal.

Please follow [this link to the job portal for more details or to submit an application](#).



Other

Many Paths to Language conference 2026

Abstract submissions for the 4th [Many Paths to Language conference](#) is now OPEN.

This 3-day conference focuses on meaningful differences in the way children acquire language. It will explore multiple sources of variation in early language development, including: children's linguistic and cultural environments, their cognitive maturation, and the structural properties of the languages they are acquiring, alongside the implications of this variation for the mechanisms that drive and support native language acquisition, given the overall robustness of learning in the face of this variability.

We are delighted that [Allison Fitch](#) (Rochester Institute of Technology) and [Amanda Seidl](#) (University of Delaware) have agreed to be invited speakers.

There will also be a special symposium focused on Acquisition Sketches. The [Acquisition Sketch Project](#) is an initiative that aims at increasing knowledge about the acquisition of understudied languages. The symposium will highlight a handful of sketches—some complete and others still in progress. We encourage those working on acquisition sketches to submit an abstract for this special session.

The deadline for abstract submission is **Friday May 15th** at midnight (anywhere in the world). Authors will be notified of presentation decisions by Friday July 17, 2026. To submit, please follow [this link](#).

The conference will take place at the Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics in Nijmegen (the Netherlands) and online **from 28th to 30th October, 2026**. This will be a hybrid event, so presenters and audience can attend in person or online.

More detail can be found on our website: <https://www.mpi.nl/events/many-paths-language-mpal-2026>



Visceral Mind Summer School ***A Residential Course in the Neuroanatomy of Cognition***

When: 7-11 September, 2026

Where: Bangor University, Wales, UK

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 15th May, 2026

Visceral Mind is an immersive, five-day residential summer school dedicated to functional neuroanatomy. Designed for postgraduate and postdoctoral researchers in cognitive neuroscience and related fields—as well as clinical, medical, and allied health professionals—it offers a unique blend of lectures, patient case conferences, hands-on practical sessions, and dissection labs using human brain tissue. Led by distinguished scientists from Bangor and across Europe, the programme attracts participants from around the world, providing an unparalleled opportunity to deepen expertise and engage with leading minds in the field.

Registration includes:

- 6 nights accommodation (B&B) in ensuite rooms at Bangor University
- Course & bench fees including all lectures, patient interviews and practical classes
- Lunch and refreshments
- Conference dinner and evening entertainment
- North Wales Excursion

For further information, and to apply, please visit: <https://visceralmind.bangor.ac.uk/>



EAMCON 2026: Call for Papers & Special Sessions (Taylor and Francis) **Shinawatra University, Bangkok, Thailand , 8-10 July, 2026**

Accepted and presented papers will be published in Taylor and Francis Conference proceedings and will be submitted to Scopus, ZbMATH open, EI-Compendex, WoS and other major database for indexing by Taylor and Francis.

Paper Submission Deadline: 15 May 2026

Special Session Proposal Deadline: 15 April 2026. For special session 10% remuneration will be provided if the no. of paper registered in a particular special session is 10.

For details and submission guidelines, please visit:

<https://www.eamcon.in/>

Previous Proceedings (EAMCON2025) published with

Atlantis Press Springer Nature: <https://www.atlantis-press.com/proceedings/eamcon-25>

Places worth Visiting in Bangkok and Thailand:

Amphawa Floating Market; Bang Krachao; Wat Suthat Thepwararam Ratchaworamahawihan; Safari World; Phuket ; Krabi; Chiang Mai etc.



Call for Papers – Frontiers in Psychology Research Topic: Lexical Processing and Vocabulary Learning

We are pleased to announce a call for papers for the Research Topic “**Lexical Processing and Vocabulary Learning: Bridging Psycholinguistic and Computational Mechanisms across Contexts**”, to be published in *Frontiers in Psychology*.

This Research Topic aims to bridge psycholinguistic, neurocognitive, and computational approaches to lexical processing and vocabulary learning across different populations, languages, and learning contexts. We particularly welcome contributions that connect **processing-level evidence with models of lexical representation, learning, and instruction**.

Topics of interest include (but are not limited to):

- Temporal dynamics of lexical processing across orthography, phonology, morphology, and semantics
- Neurocognitive markers of lexical processing (e.g., EEG/ERP, MEG, fMRI; oscillatory or network approaches)
- Computational models of lexical representation and learning (e.g., connectionist models, corpus-based approaches, LLMs)
- Lexical processing across development, individual differences, and atypical populations
- Cross-linguistic and typological evidence, especially from non-English languages
- Links between lexical processing and vocabulary acquisition in L1 and L2
- Effects of learning context (e.g., naturalistic exposure vs. classroom instruction)
- Methods and theoretical frameworks connecting processing evidence with vocabulary learning and teaching

Important dates

- Summary submission: 14 May 2026
- Full manuscript submission: 1 September 2026

Topic editors

- Fei Gao — Fudan University
- Xiaomei Qiao — Shanghai University of Finance and Economics
- Marcus Taft — University of New South Wales

More information and submission guidelines can be found here:

<https://www.frontiersin.org/research-topics/78077/lexical-processing-and-vocabulary-learning-bridging-psycholinguistic-and-computational-mechanisms-across-contexts>

We warmly welcome submissions from researchers working in psycholinguistics, neurolinguistics, second language acquisition, cognitive neuroscience, computational linguistics, and related fields.



Call for Papers: Workshop on Priming, Analogy, and Linguistic Creativity (Bielefeld, May 27-29, 2026)

Dear colleagues,

We are pleased to announce the call for papers for our workshop “**Priming, Analogy, and Linguistic Creativity**” (PALC), which will take place **May 27 to 29, 2026** in **Bielefeld, Germany**.

Priming and analogy are central mechanisms in human language. Priming supports the activation of linguistic structures and meanings, while analogy enables speakers to extend patterns and recognise relational similarities. Both mechanisms are well studied, but they have largely been investigated in isolation. Recent research, however, suggests that they may be deeply interconnected, even as the directionality of this relationship remains a matter of debate. The workshop aims to contribute to this debate, although from a specific perspective: their role in linguistic creativity.

Possible topics include, but are not limited to:

- Priming as a foundation for analogy
- Analogy as a motor for priming
- The relationship of priming and analogy
- The role of analogy and priming in creative language use
- Cognitive and linguistic models linking priming, analogy, and creativity
- Priming across languages and in multilingual contexts
- Psycholinguistic factors underlying priming and analogy (in creative language use)
- Methodological approaches to studying these questions

This list is intended as a guideline and may be supplemented by further proposals. We invite submissions for 30 minutes presentations (+ 10 minutes discussion). The conference language is English.

Abstract submission:

Please send your anonymised abstract by **March 26, 2026** to: crc1646-palc@uni-bielefeld.de. You may submit at most two abstracts, of which only one may be single authored.

For details on formatting and submission requirements, please see:

<https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/sfb/sfb1646/veranstaltungen/tagungen-workshops/palc/PALC-2026-CfP.pdf>

Important dates:

Submission deadline: March 26, 2026

Notification of acceptance: early April, 2026

Conference Dates: May 27-29, 2026

Location: Bielefeld, Germany

Contact:

crc1646-palc@uni-bielefeld.de

Further information is available on the workshop website:

<https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/sfb/sfb1646/veranstaltungen/tagungen-workshops/palc/>



AMLaP 2026 -- Call for Reviewers

The Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing 2026 organising committee is seeking to broaden the current pool of reviewers for this year's event. The success of the conference relies on expert reviewers, especially those who are familiar with the conference and review process. While reviewers typically have a PhD and are active in the field, we are happy to consider senior graduate students as well.

If you would like to be considered as a possible reviewer, we invite you to tell us a little about yourself by filling out a short form using the following link: <https://app.oxfordabstracts.com/reviewer-recruitment/events/77080>

Reviewing assignments will be made in early May, and reviewers will have one month to complete their assignments. We anticipate that reviewers will be assigned 6-8 one-page abstracts.

Thank you in advance for supporting the AMLaP community!



Call for contributions: PsychLing-101 (open repository of psycholinguistic datasets)

Dear colleagues,

We are a group of researchers from the Max Planck Institute for Human Development, Humboldt University of Berlin, and the University of Milano-Bicocca, collaborating on a research initiative to build shared infrastructure for psycholinguistic research.

We would like to invite contributions to **PsychLing-101**, a community-driven repository that collects psycholinguistic datasets in a unified format for both traditional analyses and evaluation of large language models.

Project overview

PsychLing-101 aims to build a curated corpus of psycholinguistic datasets stored in a standardized structure. The goal is to make datasets easier to find, reuse, and compare across studies, and to support more reproducible research in psycholinguistics and cognitive science.

The repository covers a broad range of psycholinguistic data types, including norming studies, lexical decision tasks, sentence processing experiments, semantic ratings, and behavioral or physiological measures such as eye-tracking and neuroimaging.

To build a broad and useful resource, we welcome contributions from researchers across the field, including both large-scale datasets and smaller curated studies.

Repository and documentation:

<https://github.com/Data-X01/PsychLing-101>

Ways to contribute

Researchers can contribute in several ways:

- Submit a dataset following the instructions in the repository [README](#)
- Curate an existing study from the list in the [CONTRIBUTING](#) file
- Suggest a dataset or study by opening an [issue](#) in the repository

Outcome for contributors

All dataset contributors will be included as co-authors on an overview paper describing the repository and the standardized corpus.

Questions

For questions or assistance, please open a [GitHub issue](#) or contact:
psychling101@gmail.com



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