

Opportunities for linguists: internships, undergraduate conferences, summer programs, post-bac programs, lab/research positions, etc.

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Please note that Carleton Linguistics doesn't endorse, or even necessarily have experience with, all of these opportunities. But we will share what we do and don't know.

To receive occasional emails about new postings, subscribe to the [Linguistic Opportunities Google Group](#). The [Linguistics CareerCast](#), hosted by Laurel Sutton, offers in-depth perspectives on the sometimes surprising career paths taken by linguists.

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For continuing students

Internships

Note that these positions have been advertised at least once in the past few years, but may not be available every year. This list is not exhaustive. New postings that we are aware of will continue to be circulated to the Linguistic Opportunities Google Group.

- **Linguist List Internship Registry**
 - <https://linguistlist.org/career/search/?type=Internship&query=>
- **Psychology Job and Internship Opportunities**
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- **Idealist:** non-profit jobs, volunteering, and more
 - <https://www.idealists.org/en>
- **Advanced Analytics & AI for Communication Science Group** (Mass General Hospital)
 - <https://ai4commsci.github.io/index.html>
 - Apply for Summer 2026 internships [here](#)
- **Canine Cognition Centers in North America** (list maintained by Yale's Canine Cognition Center)
 - <https://doglab.yale.edu/resources>
- **Center for Applied Linguistics** (Washington, DC)
 - <https://www.cal.org/who-we-are/career-opportunities/>
- **Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage, Smithsonian** (Washington, DC or remote)
 - <https://internships.si.edu/opportunity/internships-center-folklife-and-cultural-heritage>
 - There has in some past years also been a December externship available - check Handshake.
- **Educational Testing Service (ETS)** (Princeton, NJ)
 - <https://www.ets.org/careers/internships.html>

- **Endangered Language Alliance** (Manhattan)
 - <https://www.elalliance.org/get-involved/volunteer>
- **Endangered Languages Project** (remote)
 - <https://www.endangeredlanguages.com/about/>
- **Harvard University Laboratory for Developmental Studies**
 - <https://www.harvardlds.org/summer-research-opportunities/>
- **Infant & Child Lab at Temple University** (Philadelphia)
 - <https://templeinfantlab.com/internships-and-job-opportunities/>
- **John Hopkins University Laboratory for Child Development**
 - <https://labforchilddevelopment.com/summer-internship-faq/>
- **Language Acquisition Research Center at Hunter College, City University of New York** (Manhattan)
 - <http://littlelinguist.hunter.cuny.edu/join-the-lab-2/>
- **Language and Cognitive Development Lab at the University of California, Berkeley**
 - <https://lcdlab.berkeley.edu/summer-internship/>
- **The Language Conservancy** (University of Indiana, Bloomington, and remote)
 - <https://languageconservancy.org/careers-internships/>
- **Michigan Humanities Emerging Scholars Program** (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor)
 - <https://rackham.umich.edu/rackham-life/diversity-equity-and-inclusion/michhers/>
- **Michigan Language Assessment** (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor)
 - <https://michiganassessment.org/research/internship-program/>
- **Psychology Jobs & Internships blog**
 - <https://psychologyjobsinternships.wordpress.com/>
- **The Rosetta Project** (San Francisco)
 - <https://rosettaproject.org/get-involved/>
- **Summer Research Opportunities for Undergraduates (SROP), the Big 10 Academic Alliance**
 - <https://btaa.org/resources-for/students/srop/faq>
- **University of Southern California Institute for Creative Technologies** (Playa Vista, CA)
 - <https://ict.usc.edu/careers/internships/>

You should also ask your linguistics faculty about opportunities to participate in their research.

REUs (Research Opportunities for Undergrads)

- **Registry of current NSF REU sites** in Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences
 - https://www.nsf.gov/crssprgm/reu/list_result.jsp?unitid=5054
- Research Assistant, Bilingual Russian Child and Child-directed Speech Corpus, **Brandeis University**
 - Director: Sophia Malamud (Linguistics)

Summer workshops of the Linguistic Society of America

- Odd years (2025, 2027, etc.): **Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute**
 - **General information:** <https://www.lsadc.org/content.asp?contentid=138>
 - 2027: TBD
 - 2025: “Language in Use”, **University of Oregon**, July 7 to August 8
 - <https://center.uoregon.edu/LSA/2025/>
 - Information about **fellowships available for the LSA Summer Institute**

- https://www.lsadc.org/content.asp?contentid=426&mc_cid=cf7666be1a&mc_eid=5d3ce4689d
- Even years (2026, 2028, etc.): **COLANG** (Institute on Collaborative Language Research)
 - <https://www.colanginstitute.org/>
 - 2026: 'Strengthening Solidarity, Overcoming Obstacles, Forging our Future', **University of Nevada - Reno**, June 22 - July 10, 2026
 - <https://www.unr.edu/colang>
- **Linguistics Career Launch** ('From coursework to career')
 - <https://www.linguisticscareerlaunch.com/>

Other summer programs & workshops

- **Crete Summer School of Linguistics (CreteLing)**
 - Occurs semi-annually at the University of Crete in Rethymnon. In 2026, takes place 18-31 July.
 - Fellowships for undergraduate & graduate students are available.
 - <https://linguistics.philology.uoc.gr/cssl26/>
- **Eastern Generative Grammar Summer School (EGG)**
 - Occurs annually in Eastern Europe. In 2026, takes place in Brno, Czech Republic, 27 July - 7 August.
 - <https://www.eggschool.org/>

Undergraduate linguistics conferences

Note that while all of the conferences listed below are recurring and have taken place at least once in the past few years, they do not necessarily occur each and every year. Nearly all of them take place in the spring.

- **Berkeley Undergraduate Linguistics Symposium**
 - <https://sluqs.studentorg.berkeley.edu/symposium.html>
- **Cornell Undergraduate Linguistics Colloquium**
 - <https://conf.ling.cornell.edu/culc19/>
- **Emory Undergraduate Linguistics Conference (virtual)**
 - info about EULC7, to be held 4/17/2026: <https://linguistlist.org/issues/37/112/>
- **Minnesota Undergraduate Linguistics Symposium (MULS)**
 - last held in 2021, but holding out hope for a return!
 - <https://www.carleton.edu/linguistics/symposium/>
- **Penn State Undergraduate Exhibition in Hispanic & General Linguistics (PSUxLing)**
 - <https://sites.psu.edu/psuxling/>
- **Southern California Undergraduate Linguistics Conference (SCULC)**
 - Hosted by UCLA in 2026
 - <https://bruinlinguists.web.app/sculc-2026>
- **Toronto Undergraduate Linguistics Conference (TULCON)**
 - <https://sluqs.sa.utoronto.ca/tulcon-18/>
- **Workshop in General Linguistics (WIGL)** at the University of Wisconsin Madison
 - Note that this is a conference for both undergraduate & graduate students.
 - CFP for WIGL 19 in 2025: <https://linguistlist.org/issues/36/205/>

The Linguistic Society of America hosts an annual meeting in early January. As the self-advertised ‘premier gathering of linguists and linguistics students from throughout the profession and around the world’, it ‘includes activities geared to professional development for linguists at all stages of their careers and contains many programs and events of interest to students, who make up one-third of attendees’.

- The [2026 annual meeting](#) was in New Orleans. Future meetings will be in San Francisco (2027) and Washington DC (2028).
 - The abstract submission deadline for this conference is the previous June.
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For graduating students

Career Linguist (Anna Marie Trester): <https://careerlinguist.com/about-career-linguist/>

The Grad Cafe’s Linguistics Forum: <https://forum.thegradcafe.com/forum/61-linguistics-forum/>

Post-bac programs

- Baggett fellowships, **University of Maryland**
 - <https://linguistics.umd.edu/academic-programs/graduate/baggett>
- Computational Language Science post-baccalaureate program, **University of California, Irvine**
 - <https://www.langsci.uci.edu/postbacc/index.php>
 - announced on Linguist List in 2024: <https://linguistlist.org/issues/35/1999/>

Pre-masters programs

- Speech-Language Pathology, University of Connecticut (asynchronous, online summer program)
 - <https://speech-language-hearing.uconn.edu/graduate/masters/pre-masters-in-speech-language-pathology/>

Computational linguistics programs

This should not be considered an exhaustive, or even representative, list.

- Computational Linguistics MS program, **Brandeis University**
 - https://www.brandeis.edu/gsas/programs/comp_ling.html
- Computational Linguistics MA program, **Stony Brook University**
 - https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/linguistics/academics/Graduate/MA_Comp_Ling/index.php
- Natural Language Processing MA program, **University of California, Santa Cruz**
 - <https://nlp.ucsc.edu/>
- Computational Linguistics MS program, **University of Rochester**
 - <https://www.sas.rochester.edu/lin/graduate/ms-comp-ling.html>

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 - Director: Roman Feiman (Cognitive, Linguistic, and Psychological Sciences)
- Research Assistant, Lab for Developmental Studies, **Harvard University**
 - Director: Jesse Snedeker (Psychology)
- Research Assistant/Lab Manager, Language Acquisition Lab, **MIT**
 - Director: Athulya Aravind (Linguistics)
- Lab Coordinator, Language Lab, **North Dakota State University**
 - Director: Erin Conwell (Psychology)
- Lab Manager/Research Assistant, Center for Language Science, **Penn State University**
 - Assistant Director: Frances Blanchette (Psychology)
- Research Associate, Human Psychophysiology Laboratory, **Providence College**
 - Director: Joanna Morris (Psychology)
- Research Assistant, Language Learning and Meaning Acquisition Lab, **Purdue University** (satellite campus in Indianapolis)
 - Director: Arielle Borovsky (Speech, Language, and Hearing Science)
- Research Coordinator, Language and Cognition Lab, **Stanford University**
 - Director: Michael C. Frank (Psychology)
- Research Coordinator & Lab Manager, Language Acquisition Lab, **UCLA**
 - Directors: Megha Sundara (Linguistics) and Laurel Perkins (Linguistics)
- MEG Lab Manager, **University of Maryland**
 - Directors: Ellen Lau (Linguistics) & Jonathan Simon (Electrical Engineering - auditory/speech neuroscience)
- Project Manager, Language and Cognition Lab, **University of Maryland**
 - Director: Yi Ting Huang (Hearing & Speech Sciences)
- Research Assistant, Language Learning Lab, **University of Pennsylvania**
 - Director: John Trueswell (Psychology)
- Research Coordinator, Language & Cognition Lab, **University of Pennsylvania**
 - Director: Anna Papafragou (Linguistics)
- Lab Manager, Language & Communication Lab, **University of Texas, El Paso**
 - Director: Iva Ivanova (Psychology)
- Project Coordinator, Communication and Language Lab, **Vanderbilt University**
 - Directors: Duane Watson and Emily Phillips Galloway (Psychology and Human Development)