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# Working for Linguistics Professionals



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# About the LSA

The [Linguistic Society of America](#) (LSA) was founded in 1924 to advance the scientific study of language. As the largest linguistic society in the world, it welcomes linguistics students and professionals from all fields of linguistics, from around



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the world. An interest in language remains the only requirement for membership. The LSA showcases cutting-edge linguistic research at its [Annual](#) and [Summer Meetings](#) and biennial [Linguistic Institutes](#), and in its [print](#) and [online](#) publications. Its [committees](#) support LSA members and the profession at large, and work to inform the public, the media, the government, and the private sector about the essential nature of language and its role in human life.

## Working for LSA Members

Members receive a print or online subscription to the Society's quarterly peer-reviewed journal, [Language](#), the most prestigious publication in the field. Only members may submit articles for publication.

Members may participate in the LSA's [Annual Meeting](#), held in early January and attended by over a thousand linguistics students and professionals from academia and industry. Members are eligible to submit abstracts for the Meeting and receive special low members-only registration and hotel rates.



Exhibitors at LSA Annual Meeting

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Members receive [discounts](#) on academic materials from selected publishers.

## The LSA Supports Linguists

The LSA provides financial assistance to student participants in the Linguistic Institute (through competitive fellowships), to scholars in developing countries (through the Membership Assistance Program) and to presenters needing child care at its meetings.

## Working for the Profession

The LSA supports, through its [open committees](#), such diverse groups as [students](#), [women](#), and [underrepresented ethnic minorities](#) in linguistics.

The LSA provides networking and informational resources for linguists in academia and industry who are interested in topics such as endangered languages, linguistics in the school curriculum, and new technologies of interest to the profession.

The [Linguistics, Language and the Public Award](#) honors linguists who have made lasting contributions to the public understanding of linguistics; other LSA awards honor members who have made special contributions to the LSA or the field.

The LSA issues [official resolutions and statements](#) on issues of interest to the public such as [Ebonics](#) (1997), the ["English Only" movement](#) (1987), and [language documentation](#).

The LSA's [Public Relations Committee](#) informs the media, academics, and scientists about the role of languages and linguistics in society.