

Saffran Student Scholar Travel Award Program

20th Annual Eleanor M. Saffran Cognitive Neuroscience Conference
Temple University, Philadelphia, USA
Friday, September 25, 2026

The Influence of Precision Medicine on Approaches to Rehabilitation of Language and Communication Disorders in Children and Adults

This conference focuses on language, speech and other cognitive processes and disorders. Its emphasis is on translation of theoretical and empirical research to clinical applications. We aim to make this conference accessible to students, as well as clinical and research professionals. Accordingly, we offer two student programs for this conference: (1) a student attendance program and (2) Saffran Student Scholar Award Program. These programs are made possible by a grant from the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIH-NIDCD, R13DC016550 granted to Temple University, co PIs: Nadine Martin and Jamie Reilly) and an endowment established by Drs. Jenny Saffran and Seth Pollak.

- (1) **Student Attendance Program:** This program supports registration costs for students of all academic levels (undergrad through post-doc). Student status will be confirmed during the registration process.
- (2) **Saffran Student Scholar Award Program:** This program supports travel and accommodation costs for 15 *Saffran Student Scholar Awards* for pre- and post-doctoral fellows. MA students will be considered if they are research active and have presented their research at a conference. These awards will include:
 - (1) Registration for the Saffran Conference (Friday, September 25th, 2026)
 - (2) Lunch with one or more representatives of the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders
 - (3) Attendance to the pre-conference dinner with the conference presenters (Thursday, September 24th, 2026).
 - (4) Travel support for airfare and/or ground transportation.
 - (5) Hotel accommodation for up to two nights.

The award also includes an opportunity for student scholars to present their research in a poster session during the conference. Therefore, your application for a *Saffran Student Scholar Award* should include:

- (1) **Completed form to confirm full-time student status form (attached)**
- (2) **Your curriculum vitae (CV)**
- (3) **1-2 page essay detailing why attendance to this conference would be important to your research and/or clinical career goals.**
- (4) **200-word abstract of the research you will present in a poster. The poster can report new work or research that you have presented at another conference within the last year. Topics for the poster can reflect the theme of the conference or can be an example of translational research in any area of cognitive neuroscience of language disorders and their rehabilitation.**

Please email your applications to our lab email (aphasiarehablab@temple.edu) the subject line "Saffran Student Scholar Award 2026". Due date for submission is **June 8, 2026**. We will announce the winners of this competition by early July.

Note: To be eligible for this award, candidate must be full-time status.

Saffran Student Scholar Award Application Package

(1) Confirmation of Full-time Student Status

Please complete this form with a signature from your Department Chair or Faculty Advisor to confirm your full-time status. Return this form with your essay and CV to our lab email (aphasiarehablab@temple.edu) with the subject line “Saffran Student Scholar Award 2026” by **June 8, 2026**. Direct any questions to our staff or Dr. Nadine Martin at this email address: nmartin@temple.edu.

Please print clearly & complete all information

Name _____

Address _____

Phone (H/C) _____ (W) _____

Email _____

University or College _____

Department _____

Research active MA [] Doctoral candidate: [] Postdoctoral Fellow: []

CONFIRMATION OF FULL-TIME STUDENT STATUS

This is to confirm that _____ is registered as a full-time Ph.D. student or is a post-doctoral fellow _____ in the 2025-2026 academic year.

Department Chair/Faculty Advisor authorization

Name (Print) _____

Name (Sign) _____ Date _____

Include the following with this form:

- (2) Curriculum vitae
- (3) 1-2 page essay detailing why attendance to this conference would be important to your research and/or clinical career goals.
- (4) 200-word abstract of the research you will present in a poster. This can be new work that has not been presented elsewhere or research presented at another conference within the last year. Topics for the poster can reflect the theme of the conference or can be an example of translational research in any area of cognitive neuroscience of language disorders and their rehabilitation.