

GRADUATE STUDENT TRAINING PROGRAM

 **29th Annual Friends Convention
Chicago, Illinois**



July 23-25, 2026

Friends developed the Graduate Student Training Program (GSTP) to help graduate students in communication sciences and disorders get a better understanding of stuttering and the experience of stuttering for young people and their families.

The Friends GSTP provides a much-needed and valuable clinical opportunity for graduate students

This program enhances the knowledge and experience graduate students acquire in the field of stuttering

The GSTP allows students to observe the behaviors, thoughts, and emotions associated with stuttering in kids, teens, young adults, and their families

*Students participating in the GSTP are required to attend educational meetings before, during, and after the convention, attend all three days of the convention, and volunteer by assisting an experienced speech-language pathologist in the children's workshops.

**Scan the QR code
for more info & to
apply to the GSTP:**



Application Deadline: May 1st

Application decisions will be made and communicated after the May 1st deadline.

Calling All Future SLPs

Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to work with stuttering specialists, ask questions, learn from children who stutter, and gain invaluable experiences!



In addition to the priceless learning opportunity, participation in the GSTP also includes:



Full meal pass: Friends will provide delicious cooked-to-order daily breakfast, buffet meals for lunch, and plated meals for dinner. In addition, there will be complimentary snacks, and evening Happy Hour during all conference days.

*The only meal that is not included is dinner on Friday. Check out the tentative schedule for more details on meals!



Ticket to the Saturday night banquet with dinner, karaoke, and dancing