Summer Research Assistant Position in Social Cognitive Development

Description:
Adults and children often make decisions that benefit others at the cost of their own self-interest, for example, by choosing to donate money (or for children, candy) to people they do not know and will never meet. This project investigates the development of this phenomenon by investigating when and why children make choices that reduce inequalities between themselves and another person. This project is supervised by Fiery Cushman (Moral Psychology Research Lab, http://cushmanlab.fas.harvard.edu) and Susan Carey (Lab for Developmental Studies, http://harvardlds.org).

Commitment:
Research assistants will work 4-5 hours per day for 3 days per week (a total of 12 - 15 hours per week), from June 8th to August 14th.

Responsibilities:
For this project, we test child participants (5 - 10 years old) in a lab or in a public park. Your responsibilities would include recruiting participants in a public park, scheduling participants to visit the lab from a database of volunteer families, preparing testing rooms and materials to conduct the study, assisting in testing child participants, explaining study methods and findings to participants and their families, maintaining organized consent forms and an accurate subject log, coding children's responses live or from video, entering data, carrying testing materials to and from the park, and other miscellaneous tasks.

Because our participants are school-age children, we need at least one research assistant for testing sessions on weekends, so preference will be given to applicants available Saturdays or Sundays.

Additional Information:
For more information, contact monicaburns@fas.harvard.edu.

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