

Research Openings at the Moral Cognition Lab

At the Moral Cognition Lab, we study moral judgment and decision-making using behavioral experiments, functional neuroimaging (fMRI), and other neuroscientific methods. The goal of our research is to understand how moral judgments are shaped by automatic processes (such as emotional “gut reactions”) and controlled cognitive processes (such as reasoning and self-control). We’re also interested in questions like: Why are some people honest, and others dishonest? What makes people religious? What makes people want to help others, and how do they justify their decisions?

We're looking for Harvard undergraduates to help us answer these questions. Undergraduates will assist in subject recruiting, data collection, analysis, and may have the chance to help design future studies or present findings at an undergraduate conference. Each research assistant will be assigned, based on matching interests, to work closely with a member of the lab, attend weekly lab meetings in William James Hall, and learn valuable skills concerning each step of the research process.

Ideal research assistants will be enthusiastic and responsible, with an interest in moral psychology and the ability to spend 10 or more hours a week in the lab. No experience necessary!

We will hold an informational meeting for prospective research assistants on **Thursday, 2-3:30pm in WJH 1305.**

If you plan to attend the informational meeting, please contact lab manager Ann Carroll at acarroll@fas.harvard.edu. Please include some information regarding why you wish to join the lab, and any other information you see relevant (e.g., past research experience, relevant coursework, career goals). We look forward to meeting with you!