

Schacter Memory Lab
Fall 2014 Opportunities
Cognitive Trainings for Memory and Imagination

We are looking for research assistants to work on behavioral and neuroimaging projects related to memory and imagination in both college students and older adults (65+). Our research focuses on training techniques that can improve the specificity with which individuals remember about the past and imagine about the future. Recently we have begun exploring if our specificity trainings are useful in other domains where remembering and imagining come into play, such as creativity (divergent and convergent thinking tasks), social problem solving, and personal planning.

In lab, you will have the opportunity to assist with experimental research in a hands-on way, including but not limited to design, data collection, and data analysis. Specific tasks may include interviewing younger and older adults with different protocols, scoring interviews for different characteristics, or programming with different software packages.

You can participate by signing up for course credit (2538r) or by volunteering. We ask for a 10 hr/week commitment.

This opportunity is perfect for those interested in learning more about experimental research in the cognitive area and working with different populations. You will have the opportunity to observe fMRI scanning sessions if that is of interest to you. You will also have the opportunity to participate in lab meetings and lectures. No background experience is necessary but we ask that you be diligent and excited about psychology.

You will work under Professor Dan Schacter and Kevin Madore (a 4th year PhD student in Dan's lab). Email Kevin at madore@fas.harvard.edu if interested. Please include a sentence or two about why you want to work in the lab. We're excited to meet you!