

Research Assistant Positions in Social Psychology
Implicit Social Cognition Lab, Harvard University

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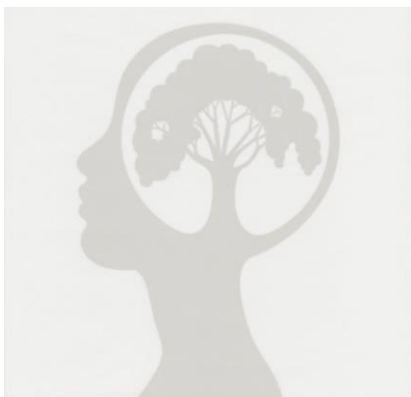
Overview: We are seeking a research assistant to help with several projects on social cognition, morality, empathy/perspective-taking, prosocial behavior, in-group favoritism, out-group derogation, and stereotyping. An example of a research project that we are currently pursuing is the extent to which contemporary inequality is perpetuated much more by helping those who are similar to us or share our social groups rather than harming those who are dissimilar from us or are not members of our social groups. In a sense this project looks at the group-based failings in perspective-taking and empathy we have, which limits our attention and helping behavior to those who are like and near us, and results in unintentional disadvantages being conferred onto individuals who are distant and dissimilar from ourselves.



This research assistant position would be ideal for someone who is considering applying to graduate school in psychology, sociology, anthropology, organizational behavior, management, or marketing. Please direct any questions about the position or the research that is conducted in Professor Banaji's lab to Caroline Wilmuth (cwilmuth@fas.harvard.edu).

Duties: Basic responsibilities will include running participants in laboratory studies, coding/preparing qualitative and quantitative data, conducting literature reviews, contributing to study design and stimuli construction, analyzing data, and assisting in interpretation of results.

Location: Most of our research takes place in the Implicit Social Cognition Lab in William James Hall at Harvard University, however, we occasionally run studies at the Decision Sciences lab at the Kennedy School of Government or in the CLER lab at Harvard Business School. We also run studies in random locations such as train stations and shopping centers.



Time commitment: Approximately 20 hours per week.

Pay/credit/volunteer: Positions are offered on a volunteer or for credit basis.

Experience: No prior research experience is necessary. A background in psychology or sociology is preferred but not required. All applicants should possess a motivation to gain research experience, a strong work ethic, and an enthusiasm for social psychology.