

## Apply now for the 2014 SCD Lab Summer Internship Program at Yale University!

Spearheaded by Dr. Yarrow Dunham, research in the Social Cognitive Development Lab is most generally concerned with children's understanding of the social world—what do kids understand about how individuals and groups interact with/relate to one another? For more information about the SCD Lab, please visit <http://scdlab.yale.edu>.

Summer interns will support the lab's work through a variety of tasks including participant recruitment and scheduling, study design, experiment facilitation, data entry and more. Interns will also attend weekly lab meetings to discuss journal articles related to our lab's work, current and future project design and present research findings.

Based upon research interests, all interns will be assigned to work with a "point person" (graduate student, post-doctoral fellow or other staff member within the lab) and will report directly to him or her throughout the internship.



**Shaina Coogan** works as lab manager and coordinates all research projects headed by Dr. Yarrow Dunham. Specific information about past and current research can be found under [Publications](#). Summer projects encompass research questions about **social categorization** (How do children encode perceptual differences that distinguish race and gender categories? What types of information patterns do children perceive as the basis for different social groups?) and **children's understanding of gratitude** (What are the developmental origins of this emotional and behavioral response to receiving unexpected benefits?).



**Katie McAuliffe** is a post-doctoral fellow working half-time with Dr. Dunham. She is interested in **how social categories influence resource allocation decisions in children and adults**. Her current projects focus on the extent to which individuals bias their decisions about how resources should be divided based on gender. These projects are part of a broader program investigating the emergence and expression of fairness concerns in humans. This program currently includes several other projects investigating second- and third-party punishment in children in the USA and other countries.



**Richard Ahl** is a first-year graduate student of [Dr. Frank Keil](#) and will be collaborating with the SCD Lab in summer. He is interested in how young children use information about other individuals' preferences to categorize them as similar to or different from themselves. **Do young children prefer individuals who share their likes *and* dislikes over those who share their likes alone?** Can they make rational predictions about the choices of individuals who have different preferences from their own? Do they believe that an individual's pattern of preferences in one domain (food) will carry over to another (toys)?



**Gina Roussos** is a first-year graduate student of [Dr. Jack Dovidio](#) and will be collaborating with the SCD Lab in summer. She is interested in **how individuals' prejudices and stereotypes develop and evolve during childhood** and is particularly interested in **how to change attitudes toward and stereotypes of social groups**. She examines how different forms of television, film, print media, and gaming platforms can influence perceptions about others among both children and adults. This summer, she hopes to continue work on a project investigating how children categorize different outgroups and begin work concerning children's weight and gender biases and how these biases can be affected by media interventions.

**Additionally, Dr. Dunham expects one to two graduate students to join the lab in summer. Information about their research interests will be provided as it becomes available.**

**Eligibility:** Our internship program is open to currently enrolled undergraduates and recent college graduates seeking additional research experience.

**Time commitment:** Our internship program requires a commitment of eight, full-time (37.5hr) weeks to be completed any time between early June and early September. Please indicate on the application your availability within that timeframe. Note that preference may be given based on schedule fit and flexibility.

**Funding:** At this time, the SCD Lab is unable to offer payment to summer interns. Please check with your home institution and external funding sources for summer scholarships and grants.

**Application materials:** The following is required for a complete application: 1) résumé/CV, 2) completed application form ([available for download here](#)), 3) the names of two references who can speak to your academic, professional, and/or research capabilities.

**Submission deadline:** Please send all applications to: shaina.coogan [at] yale [dot] edu by March 7, 2014, 11:59 PM PST with subject line “SCD Lab Internship Application.” Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

**Application status:** All applicants will receive a confirmation notice when their application is received. Qualified candidates will be required to complete an interview via phone or Skype between mid-March and early April. All final-round candidates will be notified via email of our hiring decision by April 11, 2014, 11:59 PM PST. No phone calls, please.