

Junior Specialist - Jacobs Laboratory, Department of Psychological & Brain Sciences

Job #JPF02503

- Psychological and Brain Sciences / College of Letters & Science - Mathematical, Life, and Physical Sciences / UC Santa Barbara

POSITION OVERVIEW

Position title: Junior Specialist

Salary range: The posted [UC system-wide salary scales](#) set the minimum pay determined by rank and step at appointment. See [Table 24B](#) for the salary range at UCSB. A reasonable estimated full-time rate for this position at 100% time is \$50,300-\$53,600. "Off-scale salaries" i.e., a salary that is higher than the published system-wide salary at the designated rank and step, are offered when necessary to meet competitive conditions.

Percent time: 100%

Anticipated start: July 1, 2023

Position duration: This will be a full time one-year position with the possibility of renewal. Continuation beyond one year will be based on performance and availability of funding.

APPLICATION WINDOW

Open date: April 28, 2023

Most recent review date: Friday, May 12, 2023 at 11:59pm (Pacific Time)

Applications received after this date will be reviewed by the search committee if the position has not yet been filled.

Final date: Friday, Jun 30, 2023 at 11:59pm (Pacific Time)

Applications will continue to be accepted until this date, but those received after the review date will only be considered if the position has not yet been filled.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

The Jacobs Laboratory within the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences at the University of California, Santa Barbara invites applications for an open, full-time Junior Specialist position, with an anticipated start date of July 1, 2023 or later. The salary is based on UCSB's salary scales. The laboratory is looking for an exceptional individual with particular emphasis in the area of Cognitive Neuroscience. Under the direction of Dr. Emily Jacobs, the Jacobs Laboratory seeks to understand the role of ovarian hormones in regulating the structure and function of the human brain over the life-course, using brain imaging, endocrine, and computational approaches. Major initiatives include the study of endocrine aging during the midlife transition to menopause, pharmacological studies of gonadal hormone suppression, and dense-sampling studies across the menstrual cycle and pregnancy.

DUTIES

Responsibilities of the Junior Specialist will include engaging in specialized research associated with ongoing projects, including behavioral and neuroimaging studies interrogating the role of gonadal hormones in the human brain. The Junior Specialist will assist with recruiting, organizing, and scheduling participants, help with reimbursements, conducting literature reviews, developing/programming experiments, acquiring and analyzing data (behavioral, fMRI), and preparing

results for presentation. The Junior Specialist will also assist with training of research volunteers, and managing research protocols.

The University is especially interested in candidates who can contribute to the diversity and excellence of the academic community through research, teaching, and service as appropriate to the position.

Department: <https://psych.ucsb.edu/>

Lab: <https://jacobs.psych.ucsb.edu/>

QUALIFICATIONS

Basic qualifications (required at time of application)

Applicants must be enrolled in a Bachelor's degree program or currently have a Bachelor's degree in Psychology or a related field.

Additional qualifications (required at time of start)

- Applicants must have their bachelors degree conferred by the start date of the position.
- Demonstrated potential for excellence in research as evidenced by previous laboratory experience or research assistant positions (6+ months duration), conference presentations, and/or publications.

Preferred qualifications

- hands-on experience conducting functional and structural MRI analyses (e.g. demonstrated through relevant conference presentations or publications)
- interest in endocrinology and/or women's brain health (e.g. demonstrated through relevant conference presentations or publications)
- A demonstrated record of academic excellence as evidenced by outstanding grades. Preferred candidates will have a major GPA of 3.5 or higher.
- experience with programming tools (UNIX, bash, MATLAB/Python programming), a strong background in statistics
- previous research experience with human subjects (1 or more years).

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Document requirements

- Curriculum Vitae - Your most recently updated C.V.
- Cover Letter
- Undergraduate Transcripts

Reference requirements

- 3 required (contact information only)

Applicants that are strongly considered will have their references contacted prior to selection for interview

Apply link: <https://recruit.ap.ucsb.edu/JPF02503>

Help contact: pamelawilks@ucsb.edu

CAMPUS INFORMATION

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As a condition of employment, you will be required to comply with the University of California [Policy on Vaccination Programs – With Updated Interim Amendments](#). All Covered Individuals under the policy must provide proof of receiving the COVID-19 Vaccine Primary Series or, if applicable, submit a request for Exception (based on Medical Exemption, Disability, Religious Objection, and/or Deferral based on pregnancy or recent COVID-19 diagnosis and/or treatment) no later than the applicable deadline. All Covered Individuals must also provide proof of receiving the most recent CDC-recommended COVID-19 booster or properly decline such booster no later than the applicable deadline. New University of California employees should refer to [Exhibit 2](#), Section II.C. of the [SARS-CoV-2 \(COVID-19\) Vaccination Program Attachment](#) for applicable deadlines. All Covered Individuals must also provide proof of being Up-To-Date on seasonal influenza vaccination or properly decline such vaccination no later than the applicable deadline. Please refer to the [Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Program Attachment](#). (Capitalized terms in this paragraph are defined in the policy.) Federal, state, or local public health directives may impose additional requirements.

JOB LOCATION

Santa Barbara, CA