

## **Research Assistant (lab manager) position open at UMD**

The University of Maryland Developmental Social Cognitive Neuroscience Lab directed by Dr. Elizabeth Redcay ([www.dscn.umd.edu](http://www.dscn.umd.edu)) is seeking a full-time Research Assistant (formal title: Faculty Specialist) beginning July 1, 2022. This position is supported by a grant examining biopsychosocial predictors of loneliness in autistic and non-autistic adolescents. Our methods include functional and structural MRI, behavioral measures, and experience sampling methods. This is an excellent position for anyone who would like to pursue graduate work in psychology or clinical or developmental neuroscience. We encourage applicants with a background in psychology, cognitive science, neuroscience, human development, communication, or related to apply.

Responsibilities will include data collection, management, and analyses of MRI, behavioral, and experience sampling data with children and adults. The lab manager is responsible for recruitment and communicating with participants, coordinating meeting spaces, organizing lab meeting times, and general communication with lab members. The lab manager will also train and supervise undergraduate research assistants, manage IRB protocols and data archiving, and be responsible for general lab upkeep. The position may involve MRI operator training on the 3T Siemens scanner on UMD campus. There may be opportunities for presenting data at conferences and co-authoring publications.

Applicants must have strong organizational and interpersonal skills and must enjoy working with children. The ideal applicant will also have experience with data management tools (e.g., redcap), basic programming (R, python), excellent interpersonal and multi-tasking abilities, and experience working with children, adolescents, or adults on the autism spectrum and their families.

Salary will be competitive commensurate with experience and includes health benefits. Application review will begin immediately. This is a 2-year position with possibility of renewal contingent on performance and funding.

To apply please email your application to Libby Giacobbe ([giacobbe@umd.edu](mailto:giacobbe@umd.edu)). Application materials should include a cover letter detailing qualifications and interest, CV (with GPA), relevant coursework or transcript, and (at least) 2 references who can provide letters upon request.

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Offers of employment are contingent on completion of a background check. A prior criminal conviction or convictions will not automatically disqualify a finalist from employment in the position. The University of Maryland (UMD) has made the safety of our students, faculty and staff, and our surrounding communities a top priority. As part of that commitment, the University System of Maryland (USM) announced that students, faculty, and staff on USM campuses, including UMD, are required to be vaccinated against COVID. Therefore, prospective hires will be required to comply with the University's vaccination protocol.