

Lab Coordinator in the Language and Infant Learning Lab at UC San Diego

DESCRIPTION

The Language and Infant Learning (LIL) Lab at UC San Diego, directed by Dr. Martin Zettersten, is seeking a full-time lab coordinator to begin June 1, 2026, with a flexible start date. This person will work closely with other lab members to assist in all aspects of running the lab and conducting research.

Research in the lab investigates language learning and cognitive development. Current ongoing projects focus on how infants, children, and adults learn by actively exploring their environment, the development of lexical and semantic knowledge, and how language and cognition interact over the course of development. We conduct both experimental and observational studies and employ behavioral methods (e.g., eye-tracking; tablet-based experiments) with infants, young children, and adults. We collect data in the lab, at preschools in the community, at museums/zoos, and online (e.g., using online platforms such as Prolific and Lookit). The position also presents an opportunity to work very closely with the PI as the lab continues to grow in its first years

Under the supervision of Dr. Zettersten, the lab coordinator will work closely with graduate and undergraduate researchers to assist in all aspects of running the lab and conducting research. Responsibilities include recruiting and scheduling infant, toddler, and adult study participants; communicating with collaborating sites and local children's museums; coordinating social media outreach; maintaining a database of recruitment information; conducting behavioral studies with human children and adults and managing experimental data. In addition, the lab coordinator will also train undergraduate research assistants, assist with data coding and analysis, and assist with literature searches and writing.

The research coordinator will also organize and attend weekly lab meetings and is encouraged to attend other scientific talks and be a member of the intellectual community at UCSD. The position will involve working closely with the PI and will present the opportunity to build skills in designing experiments and analyzing, presenting, and publishing data.

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