

Research Assistant in the Cultural Dynamics Lab at Harvard University

Job Summary:

The Cultural Dynamics Lab at Harvard University, directed by Joshua Conrad Jackson, is seeking a full-time Research Assistant with computational and data analysis skills for a series of projects aimed at studying the cultural evolution of social categories. Projects will involve analyzing natural language datasets, designing agent-based models, and running experiments.

Job-Specific Responsibilities:

The Research Assistant's primary responsibilities will include: (1) Collecting, processing, and analyzing large-scale social media or other natural language datasets; (b) writing and editing agent-based models; (c) designing experiments; (d) writing papers under the mentorship of the PI; (e) presenting research at conferences; and (f) assisting with maintaining shared lab resources, such as IRB protocols.

This is an excellent and unique opportunity for a motivated individual to gain experience with computational social science research.

The candidate's contribution would likely lead to authorship on papers published from these projects.

Basic Qualifications (required):

1-2 years research experience in psychology, social/political science, communications, economics, computer science, data science, statistics, or related field

Additional Qualifications and Skills (preferred):

- BA/BS in psychology, social/political science, communications, economics, computer science, data science, statistics, or related field.
- Excellent data analysis and coding abilities, including skills in statistical analysis (e.g., R), computational methods (e.g., NLP methods), programming (e.g., Python), online research tools (e.g., Qualtrics)
- Strong interpersonal skills and a high level of organization with careful attention to detail
- This position requires a high degree of motivation, although extensive training and supervision will be provided.

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