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Research Assistant I

Faculty of Arts and Sciences

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Job Summary

The Laboratory for Developmental Studies in the Psychology department has a position open for a full-time Research Assistant (Lab Manager). Research in the lab is focused on exploring the cognitive development of infants and toddlers, with an emphasis on perception and knowledge of social relationships. The candidate will report directly to the P.I., a Professor of Developmental Psychology, and will be responsible for managing and overseeing the daily activities of lab spaces dedicated to running research studies with infants, toddlers, and children, and coordinating lab-wide remote testing. The position will provide ample opportunities for learning, professional development, and mentoring and could be a springboard for applying to PhD positions.

Position Description

Responsibilities include hiring and supervising undergraduate research assistants, coordinating testing spaces and study schedules, assisting with preparation of grant applications and progress reports, creating and maintaining the lab manual, executing specific research experiments, and assisting in the collection of data. The candidate will have the opportunity to contribute to the design, data collection, and engage in other research-related activities for projects examining aspects of intuitive sociology in both infants and children.

In addition, the candidate will act as liaison between the lab, Psychology administration, and the Harvard IRB, assisting with lab purchases as well as applications for human subjects research approval. Further, the candidate will work actively on setting up lab-wide policies for open science practices. The candidate will perform other related duties as well, depending on the needs of the lab.

Basic Qualifications

At least one year of experience in psychology, biology, cognitive science or related field is required.

Relevant coursework in a lab setting may count toward experience.

Additional Qualifications and Skills

The ideal candidate will have a bachelor's degree in psychology, biology, or cognitive science and will embrace the challenges of a demanding workload involving multiple research projects. The lab you will be joining will be new, so experience with data

management, and open science practices are highly preferable. Experience with infants and toddlers preferred, because the candidate will be called upon to work with families confidently and professionally daily. Excellent organizational skills and attention to detail are essential. Proficiency with Zoom, Word, Excel, and Google docs/calendar is necessary for day-to-day functioning of the lab, as is familiarity with online research tools (e.g. Qualtrics, Lookit) and search databases (e.g. FileMaker). Familiarity with other tools and languages like HTML, JavaScript, R, and Blender is highly desirable. Must be confident working both independently as well as with others in a fast-paced research environment. Must demonstrate an ability to pay close attention to detail and should possess excellent organizational, communication, and interpersonal skills. Must also be confident working both independently as well as with others in a high-paced research environment. Experience working in diverse communities and communicating effectively with individuals from many different cultures and backgrounds preferred.

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