

Research Associate at the University of Texas at Austin

Job Details:

General Notes

The Curley Lab at the University of Texas at Austin is seeking a highly motivated and enthusiastic research assistant to join our team studying the neural and genetic mechanisms that underlie social dominance behavior in mice. Responsibilities will include: Animal husbandry; Conducting behavioral experiments; Performing in vivo surgeries; Conducting molecular biology techniques, including DNA and RNA isolation; Analyzing behavioral and molecular data using R; Contributing to the preparation of manuscripts for publication. The successful candidate will have the opportunity to work in a dynamic and supportive research environment, with opportunities for professional growth and development. This is a one-year initial assignment with the opportunity to renew based on project length, funding, and/or performance.

Purpose

The Research Associate will assist with research for the Curley Lab, including tasks such as animal husbandry, conducting behavioral experiments; performing in vivo surgeries; conducting molecular biology techniques, including DNA and RNA isolation; analyzing behavioral and molecular data using R; and contributing to the preparation of manuscripts for publication.

Responsibilities

- Animal husbandry
- Conducting behavioral experiments
- Performing in vivo surgeries
- Conducting molecular biology techniques, including DNA and RNA isolation
- Analyzing behavioral and molecular data using R
- Contributing to the preparation of manuscripts for publication

Required Qualifications

Bachelor's degree in psychology, biology, neuroscience, or a related field

Relevant education and experience may be substituted as appropriate.

Preferred Qualifications

Previous experience working with mice or other model organisms; Familiarity with molecular biology techniques; Proficiency in statistical analysis; Excellent organizational and communication skills; Ability to work both independently and as part of a team.

Salary Range

\$32,000 - \$35,000

Working Conditions

- Uniforms and/or personal protection equipment required (furnished)
- May work around biohazards
- May work around chemicals
- May work around chemical fumes

Required Materials

- Resume/CV
- 3 work references with their contact information; at least one reference should be from a supervisor
- Letter of interest

Important for applicants who are NOT current university employees or contingent workers: You will be prompted to submit your resume the first time you apply, then you will be provided an option to upload a new Resume for subsequent applications. Any additional Required Materials (letter of interest, references, etc.) will be uploaded in the Application Questions section; you will be able to multi-select additional files. Before submitting your online job application, ensure that ALL Required Materials have been uploaded. Once your job application has been submitted, you cannot make changes.

Important for Current university employees and contingent workers: As a current university employee or contingent worker, you MUST apply within Workday by searching for Find UT Jobs. If you are a current University employee, log-in to Workday, navigate to your Worker Profile, click the Career link in the left hand navigation menu and then update the sections in your Professional Profile before you apply. This information will be pulled in to your application. The application is one page and you will be prompted to upload your resume. In addition, you must respond to the application questions presented to upload any additional Required Materials (letter of interest, references, etc.) that were noted above.

Employment Eligibility:

Regular staff who have been employed in their current position for the last six continuous months are eligible for openings being recruited for through University-Wide or Open Recruiting, to include both promotional opportunities and lateral transfers. Staff who are promotion/transfer eligible may apply for positions without supervisor approval.

Retirement Plan Eligibility:

The retirement plan for this position is Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS), subject to the position being at least 20 hours per week and at least 135 days in length.

Background Checks:

A criminal history background check will be required for finalist(s) under consideration for this position.

Equal Opportunity Employer:

The University of Texas at Austin, as an [equal opportunity/affirmative action employer](#), complies with all applicable federal and state laws regarding nondiscrimination and affirmative action. The University is committed to a policy of equal opportunity for all persons and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, religion, or veteran status in employment, educational programs and activities, and admissions.

Pay Transparency:

The University of Texas at Austin will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against employees or applicants because they have inquired about, discussed, or disclosed their own pay or the pay of another employee or applicant. However, employees who have access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of their essential job functions cannot disclose the pay of other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to compensation information, unless the disclosure is (a) in response to a formal complaint or charge, (b) in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or (c) consistent with the contractor's legal duty to furnish information.

Employment Eligibility Verification:

If hired, you will be required to complete the federal Employment Eligibility Verification I-9 form. You will be required to present acceptable and original [documents](#) to prove your

identity and authorization to work in the United States. Documents need to be presented no later than the third day of employment. Failure to do so will result in loss of employment at the university.

E-Verify:

The University of Texas at Austin use E-Verify to check the work authorization of all new hires effective May 2015. The university's company ID number for purposes of E-Verify is 854197. For more information about E-Verify, please see the following:

- [E-Verify Poster \(English\)](#) [PDF]
- [E-Verify Poster \(Spanish\)](#) [PDF]
- [Right To Work Poster \(English\)](#) [PDF]
- [Right To Work Poster \(Spanish\)](#) [PDF]

Compliance:

Employees may be required to report violations of law under Title IX and the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act (Clery Act). If this position is identified a Campus Security Authority (Clery Act), you will be notified and provided resources for reporting. Responsible employees under Title IX are defined and outlined in [HOP-3031](#).

The Clery Act requires all prospective employees be notified of the availability of the Annual Security and Fire Safety report. You may [access the most recent report here](#) or obtain a copy at University Compliance Services, 1616 Guadalupe Street, UTA 2.206, Austin, Texas 78701.

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