

RESEARCH SPECIALIST AT PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

The Crockett Lab invites applications for a full-time Research Specialist position to begin in summer/fall 2024 at Princeton University (start date flexible). The position is for one year with a possibility of renewal. We will begin reviewing applications on 2/15/24 and continue until the position is filled. We are looking for applicants interested in studying social cognition using computational methods. Some of our current projects are investigating how narratives influence moral judgment and decision-making; how technology (e.g., social media, AI) impacts social cognition and behavior; how identity characteristics like gender become moralized; how social norms can help or hinder authentic self-discovery and expression; and how moral cognition culturally evolves.

The Research Specialist will contribute to all aspects of our lab's research, including (1) developing research materials and programming experiments; (2) collecting human subjects data for behavioral and online studies; (3) analyzing behavioral and web scraped data; (4) recruiting and managing undergraduate research assistants; and (5) general lab research support (e.g., IRB management, equipment purchasing, organizing lab meetings and events, maintaining lab websites and digital infrastructures). The position is an excellent opportunity to gain multidisciplinary research experience. The ideal candidate will be interested in ultimately pursuing graduate study in psychology, cognitive science, computational social science, data science, or a related field.

We believe that our science is better with a diverse team. We embrace and encourage our lab members' differences in race, ethnicity, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, socio-economic status, first-generation status, family or marital status, language, national origin, political affiliation, religion, veteran status, and other characteristics that make our lab members who they are.

The following qualifications are essential:

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent in psychology, cognitive science, data science, computer science, neuroscience, economics, statistics, mathematics, engineering or related field
- Excellent organizational skills and a high level of attention to detail
- Excellent interpersonal communication skills and experience working on a team
- Strong programming, statistical, and/or web development skills (e.g. Python, R, Javascript, Matlab, etc.)
- Prior research experience and knowledge of research principles in psychology, neuroscience, cognitive science, or related field
- Eligibility to work in the U.S. (unfortunately, we are unable to sponsor new visas for international applicants)

The following qualifications are desirable but not required:

- Prior experience with data science methods (e.g., web scraping, data cleaning and manipulation, machine learning, and natural language processing)
- Prior experience with computational modeling of behavioral/neuroimaging data, e.g. using reinforcement learning, Bayesian or drift-diffusion modeling techniques
- Prior experience with web or smartphone application development

To apply: please fill out our [application](#) and send it along with your CV in a single PDF file with the title "Lastname Application 2024" to crockett.laboratory@gmail.com with the subject "Lastname Lab Manager Position 2024".

This position is subject to the University's background check policy. Princeton University is an equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law.

If you have any questions about the position or the application process, please send an email to crockett.laboratory@gmail.com