

Research Specialist at Princeton University

Overview

The Department of Psychology at Princeton University is seeking a full-time research specialist, under the supervision of Dr. Natalia Vélez. The Vélez Lab studies the individual cognitive capacities and community dynamics that make human collaboration possible. The successful candidate will play an integral role in launching the Vélez Lab and participate in all aspects of the research process. Targeted start date is mid-June 2024.

Responsibilities

The research specialist will participate in all aspects of a research project and play an essential role in building infrastructure for the lab. Primary responsibilities include:

- Conducting a study that is of interest to you
- Developing stimuli and programming experiments
- Coordinating participant recruitment
- Maintaining operations of the lab through general administrative duties: IRB management, announcing lab events and lab meeting, etc.

In addition, depending on the nature of the research specialist's project, they may also be responsible for the following research functions:

- Running behavioral studies of young children, both in person and via Zoom
- Programming and administering online multiplayer experiments
- Collecting fMRI data of adults
- Analyzing behavioral, web-scraped, and/or fMRI data

Qualifications

Essential Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in psychology, cognitive science, neuroscience, computer science, or related fields
 - Research experience in psychology or neuroscience
 - Have excellent communication skills with young children, adult participants, families, and members of the lab
 - Be able to get tasks done efficiently
 - Be dependable, responsive, and trustworthy,
 - Be detail-oriented, motivated, creative, organized, and able to work independently
- Preferred Qualifications:
- Experience with numerical data analysis software (preferably Python, R, or Matlab)
 - Knowledge of web programming (HTML/Javascript)
 - Experience with fMRI data acquisition and analysis

- Experience working with children

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