

Research Specialist at Princeton University

Overview

The Department of Psychology at Princeton University is seeking a full-time lab manager for Prof. Erik Nook's Logic of Emotion Lab. The lab integrates behavioral, developmental, psycholinguistic, and neuroscientific approaches to advance both basic and translational understanding of emotion. More information on the lab's mission, values, people, and publications can be found here: <https://lemolab.princeton.edu/>

This is a one-year term position with the possibility (and expectation) of renewal contingent upon continued funding and satisfactory performance. As Princeton University is not an E-verified institution, OPT STEM extension for a second year or more is not eligible. Start date is on or around June 16, 2025.

Please submit (i) a current CV, (ii) a cover letter that describes your relevant prior experiences and academic/research goals, and (iii) contact information for at least 2 references.

Contact Prof. Erik Nook (enook@princeton.edu) with additional questions. Submissions will be reviewed on a rolling basis, with priority given to submissions received before February 17th, 2025.

Responsibilities

The successful candidate will assist with managing the lab, as well as all aspects of conducting research, including:

- Managing lab infrastructure (e.g., purchasing and setting up computers and other hardware, managing internal data storage systems, managing lab manual and wiki)
- Conducting research (e.g., writing IRBs, recruiting participants, collecting behavioral/neuroimaging/developmental/online data, analyzing data, and sharing results through journal articles and conference presentations)
- Supporting lab research (e.g., assisting other lab members with literature searches, study design, stimuli preparation, data collection, analyses, and manuscript and grant preparation)
- Building and supporting lab community (e.g., facilitating lab communication and organizing lab events)
- Hiring and managing a team of undergraduate research assistants

Qualifications

Essential

- A bachelor's degree in psychology, sociology, education or relevant social science field
- Excellent organizational, interpersonal, and communication skills

- Ability to communicate effectively with others (e.g., adult and child participants, families, other researchers)
- Being detail-oriented, motivated, efficient, and able to work independently
- Being able to occasionally work nonstandard hours (e.g., evenings, weekends), depending on participant availability
- The final candidate must successfully pass a background check and approval by Princeton Human Resources

Preferred

- Proficiency with statistical and programming languages/software (e.g., R, SPSS, Matlab, java, python)
- Prior experience conducting empirical research on questions related to the lab's research focus
- Prior experience managing others and building community

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