

Research Assistant

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- Psychological Science / School of Social Ecology / UC Irvine

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APPLICATION WINDOW

Open date: May 6th, 2021

Next review date: Monday, May 24, 2021 at 11:59pm (Pacific Time)

Apply by this date to ensure full consideration by the committee.

Final date: Wednesday, Jun 9, 2021 at 11:59pm (Pacific Time)

Applications will continue to be accepted until this date, but those received after the review date will only be considered if the position has not yet been filled.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Applications are invited for a Specialist series - Research Assistant position at the University of California, Irvine (UCI), Department of Psychological Science. The Research Assistant will work under the supervision of Dr. Jason Schiffman, and join a lab dedicated to producing meaningful research and services surrounding clinical high-risk (CHR) for psychosis, with an emphasis on inclusivity and addressing underserved populations. This position is full-time for those with a strong interest in clinical psychology and psychosis research, and is ideal for someone interested in applying for graduate school in the next few years.

The Research Assistant will primarily work on a large, international, multi-site study that aims to map a wide range of biomarkers onto CHR trajectories, and identify predictors of clinical and behavioral outcomes in those at high-risk for psychosis. The Research Assistant will also join a collaborative team responsible for managing several ongoing large-scale studies of psychosis risk.

Primary activities for the Research Assistant will include:

- Recruiting research participants
- Clinical data collection including semi-structured clinical interviews, standardized assessments, and cognitive tasks
- Biomarker data collection including biosamples, EEG data, MRI data
- Managing study databases
- Reporting to funding bodies
- Assisting in Institutional Review Board (IRB) submissions
- Contributing to other daily lab operations and project logistics as needed (e.g., supervising undergraduate research assistants, organization of project documents, coordinating meeting logistics, purchasing orders for lab materials, etc.)

In addition to these experiences, the Research Assistant will also get Yale-certified training to administer the Structured Interview for Psychosis-Risk Syndromes (SIPS), the gold-standard assessment of clinical high-risk experiences or symptoms. There will likely be publication and presentation experiences available, as well as other opportunities for professional development and mentorship.

Interested candidates should submit a resume/CV, an Inclusive Excellence Activities Statement (<https://ap.uci.edu/faculty/guidance/ieactivities/>), and a cover letter. The cover letter should detail experience with items listed under preferred qualifications (if applicable), relevant professional and/or research experience, and career goals and interests.

Additional Qualifications:

- B.A, B.S., or equivalent in psychology, cognitive science, neuroscience, or related field.
- Excellent organization, communication (written and oral), and interpersonal skills
- Strong interest in psychosis, clinical high-risk, early intervention, or related research

Preferred Qualifications:

Submitted resumes or CVs should include overall undergraduate GPA, Psychology or related field GPA (if applicable), and relevant coursework.

Cover letters should detail experience with any items listed under additional or preferred qualifications (if applicable), relevant professional and/or research experience, and career goals and interests.

- At least 1 year of relevant experience (e.g., full-time research position in a lab) is preferred
- Experience with research participant recruitment (e.g., posting study ads, connecting with community-based organizations, contacting potential participants)
- Experience working directly with research participants, preferably clinical populations

- Experience with clinical interviewing (e.g., SCID-5, KSADS, SIPS, CAARMS)
- Experience using survey, data management, or statistical software (e.g., Qualtrics, REDCap, SPSS, R)
- Experience managing large-scale studies
- Ideally, applicants will have interest in a career in psychology research, or a related field

QUALIFICATIONS

Basic qualifications (required at time of application)

B.A., B.S., or equivalent in psychology, cognitive science, neuroscience, or related field (*earned or anticipated by June 2021*).

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Document requirements

- Curriculum Vitae - Your most recently updated C.V. or resume
- Cover Letter
- Inclusive Excellence Activities Statement - Statement addressing how past and/or potential contributions to inclusive excellence will advance UCI's [Commitment to Inclusive Excellence](#). See our [guidance for writing an inclusive excellence activities statement](#).

Reference requirements

- 2-5 required (contact information only)

2 required; additional references are optional

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