

## **Research Assistant at UCLA Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior**

We are currently seeking **two full-time research assistants** to join our clinical neuroscience team at the UCLA Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior and the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System.

Our research uses various cognitive neuroscience methods to study questions of clinical relevance. The primary mission of our lab is to understand and improve social and nonsocial cognition in schizophrenia and related illnesses. We also have a recent research emphasis on understanding and improving social functioning among individuals who have experienced homelessness. We have a large research group that includes multiple faculty-level researchers across both UCLA and the VA (Drs. Eric Reavis, Michael Green, Jonathan Wynn, Amy Jimenez, and others) as well as more than a dozen trainees and staff. We presently have five large federally funded fMRI studies underway at UCLA, four of which have a social neuroscience focus. Other ongoing research projects utilize EEG, behavioral testing, eye-tracking, smartphone/wearable-based data collection, and other methods.

The available RA positions are well suited for individuals who want to gain research and clinical experience prior to graduate or medical school, although career-track opportunities might also be an option for interested candidates. RAs will work under the supervision of a senior project coordinator. We have lab space at both UCLA and the VA (which are about 1 mile apart), and we plan to hire full-time RAs at both locations. At least one of the available positions will have a primary focus on data collection and will provide opportunities to obtain extensive experience using various different cognitive neuroscience research techniques across multiple projects with multiple PIs. Depending on the candidate's experience and interest, there may also be opportunities to take part in clinical interviewing, participant recruitment, data management, and other activities.

Competitive applicants will have completed either a bachelor's or master's degree, and will have a demonstrated interest in neuroscience/psychology/social work (broadly defined). In addition, candidates should have strong interpersonal skills and a willingness to work with research participants who have a history of serious mental illness and/or homelessness. Previous experience with MRI is preferred but not required.

For more information about the available positions and the application process, please contact Project Coordinator Mark McGee at [mrmcgee@ucla.edu](mailto:mrmcgee@ucla.edu).