

JUNIOR SPECIALIST IN THE WOO LABORATORY, UC SANTA BARBARA

POSITION OVERVIEW

Salary range: The posted [UC system-wide salary scales](#) set the minimum pay determined by rank and step at appointment. See [Table 24B](#) for the salary range at UCSB. A reasonable estimated full-time rate for this position at 100% time is \$52,600 to 56,000 annually. “Off-scale salaries”, i.e. a salary that is higher than the published system-wide salary at the designated rank and step, are offered when necessary to meet competitive conditions.

Percent time: 100%

Anticipated start: September 1, 2024

Position duration: This will be a one-year position with a comprehensive benefits package. We expect the position to be held for at least two years, with renewal contingent upon performance.

APPLICATION WINDOW

Open date: February 20, 2024

Next review date: Wednesday, Mar 20, 2024 at 11:59pm (Pacific Time)

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

Final date: Monday, Sep 30, 2024 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

The Woo Lab at the University of California, Santa Barbara, invites applications for an open, full-time Junior Specialist position, with an anticipated start date of September 1, 2024, or later. The lab (PI: Dr. Brandon Woo) is looking for a hardworking, motivated individual who is passionate about cognitive development. Our lab is interested in how humans come to understand others' actions and minds, particularly in social contexts. Through studies of infants and young children, our lab aims to characterize the developmental foundations of human learning and cooperation.

The Junior Specialist will report directly to the PI, and they will be responsible for managing and overseeing the team of undergraduate research assistants, the lab spaces, the running of studies (in-person and online), the lab's data, IRB protocols, and open science practices. Additionally, they will support literature reviews, study design, stimulus creation, participant recruitment, data collection, data analysis, presentations, paper writing, and grant writing. The position will include opportunities for developing independent research projects, learning new skills, and mentoring undergraduate research assistants. We hope that this position will prepare someone well for graduate studies.

Candidates must be able to work both independently and in collaboration with others. The Junior Specialist will work to build and support the lab community.

The University is especially interested in candidates who can contribute to the diversity and excellence of the academic community through research, teaching, and service as appropriate to the position.

Department: <https://psych.ucsb.edu/>

Lab: <https://crib.psych.ucsb.edu>

QUALIFICATIONS

Basic qualifications (required at time of application)

Applicants must have completed or be currently enrolled in a BA or BS program in psychology, cognitive science, neuroscience, or a related field at the time of application.

Additional qualifications (required at time of start)

- Must have a bachelor's degree conferred by the start date of the position.
- At least 6 months of experience in a research setting
- At least 6 months of experience working with babies and/or children

Preferred qualifications

- Experience working with babies and/or young children in a research setting (1 or more years)
- Familiarity with statistical languages/software (e.g., using R, Python, JASP, or SPSS)
- Familiarity with Google Drive, Google Calendar, Microsoft Office, and Zoom
- Experience managing others, building community, and supporting diversity, inclusion, and belonging
- Applicants should have strong organizational, interpersonal, and communication skills.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Document requirements

- Curriculum Vitae - Your most recently updated C.V.
- Cover Letter
- Undergraduate Transcripts - Unofficial is fine

Reference requirements

- 2 required (contact information only)

Applicants that are strongly considered will have their references contacted prior to selection for interview.

Apply link: <https://recruit.ap.ucsb.edu/JPF02698>

Help contact: pamelawilks@ucsb.edu

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JOB LOCATION

Santa Barbara, CA