Lab Manager at the University of Michigan

Summary

The person hired is expected to organize activities of the culture and cognition lab, including scheduling of lab, assistance in data collection and analysis, and literature search. This current position is dedicated to a new NSF-funded project on Sub-Saharan Africa, involving data collection in multiple cultures, including countries in Sub-Saharan Africa, East Asia, Latin America, and North America.

Mission Statement

The mission of the University of Michigan is to serve the people of Michigan and the world through preeminence in creating, communicating, preserving and applying knowledge, art, and academic values, and in developing leaders and citizens who will challenge the present and enrich the future.

Who We Are

Dr. Shinobu Kitayama and the Culture and Cognition Lab in the Department of Psychology are seeking to hire a full-time Research Technician Intermediate (Lab Manager).

The culture and cognition lab studies how cultural contexts may influence various psychological processes, including cognition, emotion, and motivation. There are many ongoing projects, which related roughly to the following three themes:

1. **The globalization project:** We investigate cultural variations "beyond East and West. This project involves extensive data collection in multiple global locations, including North America, East Asia, Latin America, South Asia, and Africa.

2. **Cultural neuroscience:** Currently, we seek to implement an EEG methodology for cross-cultural use.

3. **Culture and health** : As part of a large-scale project to simulate the disease process during the COVID-19 pandemic, we collect socio-cultural population-level variables likely to inform the disease process.

Why Work at Michigan?

In addition to a career filled with purpose and opportunity, the University of Michigan offers a comprehensive benefits package to help you stay well, protect yourself and your family and plan for a secure future. Benefits include:

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- A retirement plan that provides two-for-one matching contributions with immediate vesting

- Many choices for comprehensive health insurance

- Life insurance

- Long-term disability coverage

- Flexible spending accounts for healthcare and dependent care expenses

In addition, LSA offers:

- Strong commitment to work/life balance

- Flexible work arrangements with respect to campus stakeholder needs

- Enhanced tuition support programs for LSA courses

Being part of something greater, of serving a larger mission of discovery and care - that's the heart of what drives people to work at Michigan. In some way, great or small, every person here helps to advance this world-class institution. It's adding a purpose to your profession. Work at Michigan and become a victor for the greater good.

Responsibilities*

The main duties of this position will include the following:

- Organizing daily lab activities (25%)

- Assisting data collection and data analysis (25%)

- Assisting literature search (25%)

- Supervising and training undergraduate research assistants, scheduling shifts, monitoring their day-to-day activity, and approving time. (25%)

Required Qualifications*

- High school diploma or equivalent

- Excellent upper-undergraduate level knowledge of psychology

- Demonstrated skills and knowledge to appreciate cultural diversity

- Excellent organizational skills with meticulous attention to detail

- At least 1 year of research experience

Desired Qualifications*

One or more of the following three skillsets are desirable, although not required.

1. Bachelor's or Master's degree or equivalents in psychology, cognitive science, neuroscience, computer science, data science, or a related field

2. Advanced statistical knowledge, including multivariate statistics, modeling, and/or one or more computational approaches (e.g., machine learning, computerized text analysis, agent-based modeling)

3. Neuroscience training/background

4. Experience with coding, processing, and managing data using statistical software

Additional Information

- The salary range is $33,000 - $37,000. Please note a higher salary may be offered based on equity and the selected candidate's experience.

- The starting date is May 2024, or as soon as the position is filled during the summer 2024.

- This is a 12-month term-limited position with the possibility of renewal.

- This position would give a great opportunity for someone planning a Ph.D. program in social and cultural psychology and neuroscience and/or public health.

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