

Research Specialist at Princeton University

Overview

Research Specialist I or II

The Department of Psychology at Princeton University invites applications for a full-time Research Specialist position. Anticipated start date approximately June – August, 2024. This position could extend for two years upon satisfactory performance after the first year. The position involves conducting research in the research groups of Professors Betsy Levy Paluck and Anuj Shah.

Responsibilities

As part of the lab, the research specialist will assist with different aspects of research, including:

- Managing communications and lab operations—liaising with research partners, managing lab calendar and meetings
- Reproducing analyses from the research group's studies—checking or reproducing code
- Collecting data from web samples—proficiency with Qualtrics is a priority, and familiarity with HTML/CSS/Javascript/PHP is a plus.
- Literature reviews—finding and organizing relevant literature
- Writing IRB applications and interacting with IRB staff
- Writing and editing papers—proofreading and writing clear descriptions of research processes or analyses in plain English.

The position would involve weekly standing meetings with each PI separately, as well as regular check-ins on progress. We would invite open and regular communication with both faculty and with their students and staff. This would be a highly collaborative and interactive position.

This position is ideal for highly motivated college graduates (graduates of a master's program are also welcome to apply) who are considering graduate school in psychology or related disciplines. To apply, submit cover letter, resume, and contact information for two references (preferably from research scientists with whom you have already worked).

Qualifications

Essential Qualifications

At least one year of research experience in a psychology laboratory that involved conducting data analysis, collecting data, and other aspects of

research logistics and management. Position requires minimum BA or BS degree in Psychology or related social science field or discipline. Orientation to detail, conscientiousness, and genuine interest to pursue psychological research are qualities that are critical to performing well and enjoying this position.

Preferred Qualifications

Familiarity with at least one software package for statistical analysis (R, Stata) is desired. Strong computer skills, including programming, and grant writing experience are preferred.

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