

# **Research Specialist at the University of Wisconsin-Madison**

## **Job Summary:**

This position will assist in Dr. Joao Guassi Moreira's laboratory. The lab is dedicated to understanding socioemotional and cognitive neurodevelopment across the first three decades of life, with a particular emphasis on decision-making and emotion regulation. Research in the lab will combine traditional psychological methods with emergent neuroimaging (e.g., fMRI) and computational techniques, and will also support original quantitative methods research in service of answering core substantive research questions. This position will support the lab's research with data collection, implementation of research methods, and building a lab community, as this is a brand new lab at UW-Madison.

## **Responsibilities:**

Develops, designs, and conducts one or more research projects and organizes daily operation of projects and specialized research areas to ensure work meets established objectives under moderate supervision.

- 20% Conducts research experiments according to established research protocols with moderate impact to the project(s). Collects data and monitors test results
- 5% Operates, cleans, and maintains organization of research equipment and research area. Tracks inventory levels and places replenishment orders
- 15% Reviews, analyzes, and interprets data and/or documents results for presentations and/or reporting to internal and external audiences

- 20% Participates in the development, interpretation, and implementation of research methodology and materials
- 15% Provides operational guidance on day-to-day activities of unit or program staff and/or student workers
- 5% Performs literature reviews and writes reports
- 5% Oversees a work of undergraduate students
- 5% Building and supporting lab community
- 5% Supporting other aspects of lab research
- 5% Building lab infrastructure

## **Institutional Statement on Diversity:**

Diversity is a source of strength, creativity, and innovation for UW-Madison. We value the contributions of each person and respect the profound ways their identity, culture, background, experience, status, abilities, and opinion enrich the university community. We commit ourselves to the pursuit of excellence in teaching, research, outreach, and diversity as inextricably linked goals.

The University of Wisconsin-Madison fulfills its public mission by creating a welcoming and inclusive community for people from every background - people who as students, faculty, and staff serve Wisconsin and the world.

For more information on diversity and inclusion on campus, please visit: [Diversity and Inclusion](#)

## **Education:**

Required

Bachelor's Degree

Degree in psychology, computer science, anthropology, sociology, statistics, biology, or related field

## **Qualifications:**

Required

- \* Excellent organizational, interpersonal, and communication skills
- \* Ability to communicate effectively with others (e.g., adult and child participants, families, other researchers)
- \* Highly detail oriented, strongly work ethic, motivated, efficient, and able to work independently
- \* Will occasionally work non-standard hours (e.g., evenings, weekends) contingent on participant availability
- \* Candidates with a strong enthusiasm to learn new skills, concepts, methods, techniques will be best set up for success in this position. Prior experience in any of these domains is preferred, but enthusiasm and persistence are more important

Preferred

- \* Proficiency with statistical and programming languages/software (e.g., SPSS, R, Matlab, Java, Python; preferably R or Python)
- \* Proficiency with quantitative methods and/or data management skills
- \* Prior experience conducting empirical research on questions related to the lab's research focus
- \* Prior experience managing others and building community

## **Work Type:**

Full Time: 100%

It is anticipated this position requires work be performed in-person, onsite, at a designated campus work location.

## **Appointment Type, Duration:**

Terminal, 24 month appointment.

This position has the possibility to be extended or converted to an ongoing appointment based on need and/or funding

## **Salary:**

**Minimum** \$40,000 ANNUAL (12 months)

Depending on Qualifications

Employees in this position can expect to receive benefits such as generous vacation, holidays and paid time off; competitive insurances and saving accounts; and retirement benefits.

## **Additional Information:**

This position has the possibility to be converted to an ongoing appointment based on need and/or funding.

## **How to Apply:**

Please click on the "Apply Now" button to start the application process.

For questions on the position, contact: Joao Moreira at [jmoreira2@wisc.edu](mailto:jmoreira2@wisc.edu).

To apply for this position you will need to upload a cover letter, resume and contact information for at least three professional references, including your current supervisor. References will not be contacted without advance notice.

Your cover letter should address your qualifications as they pertain to the qualifications listed above.

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