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Job Title Junior/Assistant Specialist -Cognitive Neuroscience -

The Building Blocks of Cognition Laboratory-

Psychology

Department

**Institution** University of California Berkeley

Berkeley, California

Date Posted Jul. 26, 2024

**Application Deadline** 12/31/2024

Position Start Date Available immediately

Job Categories Research Scientist/Associate

Academic Field(s) Psychology - Neuropsychology

Psychology - Cognitive Psychology - General Cognitive science

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**Job Description** 

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Position overview Salary range:



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The UC academic salary scales set the minimum pay determined by rank and step at appointment. See the following table for the current salary scale for this position: https://www.ucop.edu/academicpersonnel-programs/\_files/2024-25/july-2024-scales/t24-b.pdf The current base salary range for this position is \$53,100-\$61,300. "Off-scale" salaries, which yield compensation 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: 8/1/2024

**Position duration:** 1 year appointment, with a possibility of renewal

**Application Window** Open date:June 12, 2024

Most recent review date: Thursday, Aug 8, 2024 at 11:59pm (Pacific Time)

Applications received after this date will be reviewed by the search committee if the position has not

yet been filled.

Final date: Tuesday, Dec 31, 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 University of California, Berkeley, solicits applications for a new Junior/Assistant Specialist, in the Building Blocks of Cognition Laboratory, directed by Dr. Silvia Bunge.

The Building Blocks of Cognition Laboratory at the University of California at Berkeley, headed by Professor Silvia Bunge, studies the cognitive and neural processes that support reasoning, memory, and goal-directed behavior in humans. To investigate these phenomena, the lab leverages behavioral, brain imaging, and eyetracking method. Research assistant will work on a National Institute of Mental Health project titled "Narrowing the mechanistic gap for anterior prefrontal cortex function"

The Junior/Assistant Specialist will work closely with Professor Bunge and the project team to launch this study. The successful candidate will recruit, screen, schedule, and compensate participants, collect behavioral data, assist with scanning, oversee and coordinate with undergraduate research



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assistants and the scanner technician, collaborate with the human subjects research coordinator and systems administrator, manage data (and code) sharing with the research community, handle purchasing and reimbursements, organize research team meetings, etc. This team member will have the opportunity to participate in data analysis, presentations, and writeup of results.

This project targets the lateral aspect of anterior PFC, a brain region whose anatomy in humans is not clearly defined and whose fundamental role in cognition is poorly understood. At a descriptive level, aLPFC is involved in higher-level cognitive abilities such as planning, multi-tasking, reasoning, memory retrieval monitoring, and decision-making. Here, we seek to investigate its function at a more granular level via fMRI, structural MRI, and diffusion-weighted imaging on the 3 Tesla and 7 Tesla scanners at the Brain Imaging Center at UC Berkeley.

This is a unique opportunity for individuals interested in pursuing graduate studies in the future.

Lab: http://bungelab.berkeley.edu

#### Qualifications

**Basic qualifications** (required at time of application)

Bachelor's degree (or equivalent international degree) or currently enrolled in a Bachelor's degree (or equivalent international degree) program.

#### **Additional qualifications** (required at time of start)

Bachelor's degree (or equivalent international degree)

#### Preferred qualifications

- -Experience assisting with MRI research, and experience with coding and statistics (ideally in Python).
- -One year of research experience involving human participants.
- -1+ year of research experience involving human participants.
- -Strong background in STEM
- -Strong organizational and interpersonal skills, and facility learning new technology.
- -Intrinsically motivated, results-oriented, and efficient.
- -Willingness to trouble-shoot independently but check in regularly.

### **Application Requirements**

### **Document requirements**

• Curriculum Vitae - Your most recently updated C.V.



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### Reference requirements

• 3-6 required (contact information only)

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