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Job Title	Postdoctoral Scholar Employee - The Gopnik Lab - Psychology
Department	Psychology
Institution	University of California Berkeley Berkeley, California
Date Posted	Oct. 17, 2024
Application Deadline	01/17/2025
Position Start Date	Available immediately
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Position overview

Salary range: The UC postdoc salary scales set the minimum pay determined by experience level at appointment. See the following table for the current salary scale for this position:

https://www.ucop.edu/academic-personnel-programs/_files/2024-25/oct-2024-scales/t23.pdf. The current minimum salary range for this position is \$66,737-\$74,425. Salaries above the minimum may be offered when necessary to meet competitive conditions.

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Anticipated start: January 13, 2025

Position duration: 2-year appointment with the possibility of renewal

Application Window

Open date: October 17, 2024

Next review date: Monday, Nov 18, 2024 at 11:59pm (Pacific Time)

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

Final date: Friday, Jan 17, 2025 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 Gopnik Lab at UC Berkeley seeks a Postdoctoral Scholar to work on a funded project exploring the cognitive, cultural, and philosophical foundations of caregiving. The Postdoctoral Scholar will be expected to contribute to research establishing a general theory of care using methods from developmental psychology and cognitive science. This research will explore how caregiving is understood and represented throughout the lifespan, including care for children but also elders and others, bridging the gap between empirical studies and theoretical frameworks. The selected Postdoctoral Scholar candidate will work with the principal investigator, the research team at Berkeley, as well as collaborators at Harvard and Yale to help achieve the project's goals. The Postdoctoral Scholar will also utilize existing research networks to investigate caregiving from a global and cross-cultural perspective, including the Culture & Ontogeny Research Initiative (CORI), the Shuar Health and Life History Project (SHLHP), and Forager Child Studies (FCS), with the possibility of conducting fieldwork.

Responsibilities include:

- Conduct and design empirical experiments to explore how humans understand caregiving, particularly focusing on infants' and children's behavior and their understanding of care.
- Develop and test formal models that capture the unique qualities of care relationships, differentiating them from other social and economic relationships.
- Collaborate in the development of interdisciplinary frameworks that draw on cognitive economics,

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psychology, philosophy, and political science to understand caregiving.

- Participate in ongoing workshops, including those initiated at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (CASBS), and contribute to publications by writing papers synthesizing the research agenda.
- Coordinate with interdisciplinary teams to foster synergies between broader theoretical projects and more focused empirical efforts.
- Prepare research findings for publication and present results at conferences and academic workshops.
- Contribute to grant applications and project reporting for future funding sources aimed at expanding the research project.

Qualifications

Basic qualifications (required at time of application)

PhD or equivalent international degree or enrolled in a PhD program or equivalent international degree program at the time of application.

Additional qualifications (required at time of start)

- PhD or equivalent international degree
- No more than 3 years of post PhD research experience

Preferred qualifications

- Ph.D. or equivalent international degree in psychology, neuroscience, cognitive science or a related field
- Background in empirical research related to infants' or children's behavior.
- Experience in crafting research paradigms and managing research projects. Research areas of particular interest include developmental psychology, caregiving behavior, close-relationships, cognitive modeling, cross-cultural research, and behavioral economics.
- Statistical skills working with behavioral data
- Ability to write up results for publications in a timely manner
- Strong initiative and organizational and interpersonal skills
- Strong publication record

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Application Requirements

Document requirements

- Curriculum Vitae - Your most recently updated C.V.
- Cover Letter - Addressed to Dr. Alison Gopnik

Reference requirements

- 3-6 required (contact information only)

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Job location

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