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Laboratory - Psychology
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Institution	University of California Berkeley Berkeley, California
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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/2023-24/oct-2023-acad-salary-scales/t23.pdf. The current minimum salary range for this position is \$64,480-\$71,908. Salaries above the minimum may be offered when necessary to meet competitive conditions.

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Anticipated start: August 1, 2024

Position duration: 2 year appointment, with a possibility of renewal

Application Window

Open date: May 5, 2024

Next review date: Friday, Dec 27, 2024 at 11:59pm (Pacific Time)

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

Final date: Wednesday, Apr 30, 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 Department of Psychology at the University of California Berkeley invites applications for a Postdoctoral Scholar Employee, specifically in the area of cognitive neuroscience.

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 methods.

Postdoctoral employee will work on a National Institute of Mental Health project titled "Narrowing the mechanistic gap for anterior prefrontal cortex function". 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. Seeking 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. Close collaborators on the project include Associate Professor Kevin Weiner (functional neuroanatomist) and Adjunct Professor David Feinberg (MR physicist) at UC Berkeley. Specific duties include:

- Assist with finalizing study design and task presentation code, oversee piloting and data

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- collection, and set up behavioral and fMRI preprocessing and analysis pipelines.
- Take the lead on writing and revising manuscripts, and present results locally and at conferences.
- Provide mentorship to the graduate student researcher and full-time research assistant, as well as other lab members.
- Expertise in structural and functional MRI data collection and analysis

Lab: <http://bungelab.berkeley.edu>

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

-A Ph.D. or equivalent international degree in Neuroscience or Psychology

- Established publication record in human cognitive neuroscience
- Experience with fMRI data collection and up-to-date analysis methods
- Coding experience (ideally Python)
- Ability to carry out a variety of statistical analyses (ideally in Python, R)
- Ability to write up results for publication in a timely manner
- Strong initiative and organizational and interpersonal skills
- Experience with open science data practices (e.g., preregistration on OSF; sharing code to Github, etc.)
- Experience with layer fMRI is a bonus

Application Requirements

Document requirements

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- Curriculum Vitae - Your most recently updated C.V.
- Cover Letter

Reference requirements

- 3-6 required (contact information only)

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Job location

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