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Cognitive Science Laboratory -Psychology  
University of California Berkeley

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<b>Job Title</b>	Postdoctoral Scholar Employee - The Computational Cognitive Science Laboratory -Psychology
<b>Department</b>	
<b>Institution</b>	University of California Berkeley Berkeley, California
<b>Date Posted</b>	Apr. 10, 2025
<b>Application Deadline</b>	04/30/2025
<b>Position Start Date</b>	Available immediately
<b>Job Categories</b>	Post-Doc
<b>Academic Field(s)</b>	Psychology - General Cognitive science
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**Position overview**

**Salary range:** 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-](https://www.ucop.edu/academic-personnel-programs/_files/2024-25/oct-2024-scales/t23.pdf)

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position is \$66,737-\$74,425. Salaries above the minimum may be offered when necessary to meet competitive conditions.

**Percent time:** 100%

**Anticipated start:** January 6, 2025

**Position duration:** 2 years with a possibility of renewal

**Application Window**

**Open date:** October 22, 2024

**Most recent review date:** Wednesday, Apr 9, 2025 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:** 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 Computational Cognitive Science Laboratory at the University of California, Berkeley, led by Dr. Bill Thompson, seeks a Postdoctoral Scholar in computational models of social reasoning. The Postdoctoral Scholar will be expected to contribute to the development of new models of social reasoning and to conduct large-scale online behavioral experiments that examine the predictions of these models. The broader project investigates how groups of people discover solutions to complex problems. The successful candidate will work with the principal investigator as well as collaborators at the computational cognitive science lab to help achieve the laboratory's goals.

Responsibilities include:

Developing software infrastructure to conduct online experiments

Conducting large-scale online behavioral experiments with human participants

Developing formal cognitive models of reasoning about and learning from social interactions

Analyzing and visualizing experimental data

Plan and write scientific publications

The position also includes scope to pursue the postdoctoral scholar's own research interests within this

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subject areas:

Project management: Working on research protocol design, grant writing, and reporting progress to funding organizations. Coordinating work of research assistants.

Mentoring: Receiving mentoring from Dr. Thompson and providing mentoring to graduate and undergraduate students (e.g., suggesting readings, leading a journal club, providing career advice).

**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)

Ph.D. or equivalent international degree

No more than 3 years of post PhD research experience

**Preferred qualifications**

Ph.D. or equivalent international degree in psychology, computer science, or a related field

Strong technical skills relevant to designing and conducting online behavioral experiments and performing modeling and data analysis.

Proficiency in Python or another general purpose programming language and applications to statistical and computational modeling or machine learning

Proficiency in javascript and related software infrastructure relevant to developing custom online behavioral experiments.

Experience developing interactive online experiments with frameworks such as Dallinger or Empirica or analogous software infrastructure

Experience using language models to induce programs from text data

Experience with computational cognitive modeling

Experience with neural networks or other machine learning methods

Strong initiative and organizational and interpersonal skills

**Application Requirements**

**Document requirements**

- Curriculum Vitae - Your most recently updated C.V.
- Cover Letter - Addressed to Dr. Bill Thompson

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**Reference requirements**

- 3-6 required (contact information only)

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**Job location**

Berkeley, CA

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