Research Assistant Positions at Stanford Social Concepts Lab

Lab: Social Concepts Lab

Program: Stanford University, Department of Psychology

Supervising Researcher: Dr. Steven O. Roberts (Assistant Professor of Psychology), Carmelle Bareket-Shavit (Lab Manager)

Project Descriptions:

1. Children’s Concepts of Conformity
   Why do we conform to social groups and how early does this tendency emerge? In this study, we’re interested in learning about how children react to others who go against group norms, and are particularly interested in how they react to others who go against gender and race norms. Research assistants will conduct interviews and psychological assessments with 4- to 5-year-olds at the Bing Nursery School on campus.

2. Children’s Concepts of Social Status
   How do children think resources should be distributed and how do they actually distribute resources? In this study, we’re interested in children’s perception of the broader social world, specifically others’ socioeconomic status. Research assistants will conduct interviews with 4- to 5-year-olds at the Bing Nursery School on campus.

3. Children’s Intergroup Behaviors
   How do children react when they see others go against group norms? In this study, we are interested in how children react to non-conformity when they see it in the real world. Research assistants will conduct interviews with 4- to 5-year-olds at the Bing Nursery School on campus.

Duties & Time Commitment: As a research assistant, you will help with data collection, subject recruitment, and coding and managing data. A minimum commitment of 9-12 hours/week for at least one quarter (Autumn or Winter 2019) is required. A commitment for both quarters is preferred but not required.

Qualifications and Skills: Ideal candidates will have a strong interest in developmental and/or social psychology and will enjoy working with children. They will also be friendly, reliable, and highly motivated. Previous experience working with children and completion of developmental and/or social psychology courses are preferred but not required.

Compensation: Research assistants can be hired for work study, course credit (Psych 195), or volunteer. One unit will correspond to 3 hours of work per week.

To Apply: Please send your resume/CV (including class standing), transcript, and brief statement of interest to cbareket@stanford.edu.

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