The Psychology of Sharing Ideas, Communicating, and Social Learning: Research Assistant Position

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**Lab:** Dweck-Walton Lab

**Project Description:** Our research investigates the psychology of social exchange and the processes that underlie the human ability to share ideas, collaborate, and communicate with others. In the current projects we are exploring questions such as, what is the benefit of receiving advice from an outside perspective? Are there benefits to consulting an outside perspective? Do we learn from an event differently when we experience it directly versus observe someone else’s experience? Much of this research uses behavioral experiments in the lab and online.

**Responsibilities:** Help developing materials for studies, recruiting participants, running experiments, enter and code data, analyze data. Research assistants will receive training in all of these. Commitment is 8-10 hours per week, preferably for at least two quarters.

**What you will gain:** Knowledge in designing and conducting social psychology experiments and research.

**Qualifications:** Reliable, responsible, highly motivated, organized, and most importantly, interested in research! Previous research experience is not required. Interest or major in psychology are not required but are preferable.

**Compensation:** Work-study or course-credit.

**To apply:** Send a resume and brief statement of interest to dkalkste@stanford.edu.