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), Michelle Wang (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 God
   Does God have a gender? Does God have a race? In this study, we’re interested in learning about what children believe God looks like, and whether their beliefs about how God looks influences their religious experiences. Research assistants will collect data from 4- to 13-year-olds about once a week at local churches. Availability on Sundays is required for participation in this study.

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 (Winter or Spring 2018) 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 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 michellewang@stanford.edu.

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