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Project topic(s): Culture and Emotion

Brief description of scientific issues: Does culture influence people’s feelings? To answer this question and questions like this, our research explores issues around cultural similarities and differences in emotional values and behaviors. Our lab uses a variety of methods (survey, archival, neuroimaging, interview, experimental) to examine people’s affect (i.e., emotions, moods, and other feeling states) and the implications on perception and decision-making.

Skills required:
- No previous research experience necessary!
- Motivated and a desire to learn
- A positive and professional attitude
- Conscientiousness and meticulous attention to detail in many different jobs
- Good organizational and interpersonal skills
- Ability to work independently as well as part of a research team
- Reliable and responsive
- Analytic thinker

Skills to be learned:
- Designing and conducting research
- Critical thinking and analytic skills
- Coding using affective coding techniques (FACS coding)
- Engaging with participants and collecting data
- Data analysis (e.g., with SPSS, R)

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