

The Cognition and Development Lab at Yale University seeks a full-time project manager/research assistant for a federally funded project on the role of mechanistic explanations in children's understanding of science and technology. (The fellowship has been recommended for funding, final approval pending).

The laboratory is active and highly collaborative with projects focused on many areas of cognition and cognitive development. The project manager will coordinate and facilitate all aspects of the research project, with much of that time spent in interviews with school-age children in schools, science museums and other venues. Other duties will include working with school administrators, maintaining compliance with the University IRB, managing participant recruitment, and purchasing materials.

A recent college graduate having majored in psychology, cognitive science or a related field and looking for additional research experience before going on to graduate school would be ideal; many former project managers/research assistants have gone on to excellent graduate schools. Strong writing skills are essential. Attention to detail, the ability to multi-task, and organizational skills are also critical.

The project manager must also have excellent social skills. In addition to training and supervising undergraduate research assistants, the lab manager cultivates a team orientation, and fosters a high degree of professionalism among laboratory members. The applicant must have excellent skills working with young children and the staff they interface with at the University and in the field.

The manager will coordinate closely with Drs. Frank Keil and Kristi Lockhart and with postdoctoral fellows, graduate students and undergraduates working in the lab, but should be able to work independently. Taking an active role in all aspects of research is strongly encouraged, including opportunities to participate in reading groups and research seminars.

Appointments are preferred who are willing to make a two-year commitment.

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, with the aim of concluding this search as soon as an exceptional candidate has been found.

Approximate start date is August 15, 2016, but that date is flexible

Materials: Please submit a CV, cover letter, and unofficial transcript as a single pdf file, and list e-mails for three letter writers. We will contact letter writers for shortlisted candidates. Please send application materials as a single PDF document to frank.keil+labmanag16@yale.edu. Other inquiries may be directed to Frank Keil at frank.keil@yale.edu.