

# jobs in cognitive psychology InfoPsyling: Jobs

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1. Ph.D. / postdoc openings - MPI for Psycholinguistics From: Melissa Bowerman (Tel: (31)-(24)-3521272) <Melissa.Bower...@mpi.nl> The Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics has one postdoc and three Ph.D. positions available for research in the field of first or second language acquisition. The postdoc will participate in the Scope Project and the Ph.D.s will participate in either the Scope Project or the Argument Structure Project. (These projects are described below.) All positions will be for three years and will begin as soon as possible but no later than October 1, 1999. Applicants for the postdoctoral position in the Scope Project should have a completed PhD degree in linguistics, psychology, or a related field, and an interest in (theoretical and/or cross-linguistic) semantic and syntactic aspects of language acquisition. Applications should include a curriculum vitae, a sample of written work, a description of previous related studies and research, names and addresses of 4 referees, and a statement of planned research in the Scope Project. Payment for this position is regulated according to the scale of the Max Planck Society (net approx. 4000 - 4300 Hfl). Applicants for the Ph.D. positions in either the Scope Project or the Argument Structure Project should have a completed Master's degree or equivalent in linguistics, psychology, or a related field, and an interest in syntactic and semantic aspects of language acquisition. Applications should include a curriculum vitae, a description of previous related studies and research, a sample of written work, names and addresses of 4 referees, and a characterization of plans or interests for the Ph.D. research. The Ph.D. candidates must also already have or be prepared to find a suitable university affiliation. Payment for these positions is regulated according to the scale of the Max Planck Society (net approx 2200 - 2500 Hfl). Please send applications via regular mail for arrival by April 1, 1999, to: Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Klein Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics Postbus 310 6500 AH Nijmegen The Netherlands E-mail inquiries concerning the positions may be made to Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Klein at: kl...@mpi.nl Project descriptions: The Scope Project studies how children and second language learners develop the skills to analyze the semantic and syntactic composition of sentences, skills needed for the interpretation of the linguistic input they are exposed to. The project primarily considers the acquisition of those elements in a sentence that take scope over other elements, since scoping elements appear to be central clues in building the structure of a sentence and in guiding its semantic interpretation. The phenomena considered for investigation are the scope properties of temporal adverbials and finiteness, the scope behaviour of focus particles, and scope-related aspects of the interpretation of nominal expressions. The project is cross-linguistic in perspective, and investigates the extent to which both syntactic and semantic aspects of scope relations are language-universal versus language-independent. In addition to contributing to an understanding of how children interpret configurations containing scoping elements, the project's results are expected to provide a clearer picture of scope phenomena in adult language and to serve as a basis for new insights into theoretical matters related to scope phenomena in natural language. The Argument Structure Project includes participants from both the Language Acquisition and the Language and Cognition departments of the Institute. Its goal is to learn more about which aspects of argument structure and, more generally, event representation are universal versus variable, and which may be innate as opposed to learned. The project is cross-linguistic in orientation. Ph.D. candidates should be interested in investigating topics such as the acquisition of predicate semantics, the syntactic realization of arguments, argument ellipsis, or linguistic event packaging. Preference may be given to applicants working on the acquisition of lesser-known languages.

\*\*\*\*\* 2. Post-doc positions at Rochester From: Michael K. Tanenhaus <m...@bcs.rochester.edu> Subject: post-doc positions at Rochester The Center for the Sciences of Language at the University of Rochester anticipates having two NIH-funded post-doctoral fellowships available beginning September 1, 1999. The appointments will be for one year with the possibility of renewal for a second year. The Center brings together faculty and students with interests in spoken and signed languages from the Departments of Brain and Cognitive Sciences, Computer Science, Linguistics, and Philosophy; and the interdisciplinary programs in Cognitive Science and Neuroscience. We encourage applicants from any of these disciplines who have expertise in any area of natural language. We are particularly interested in post-doctoral fellows who want to contribute to an interdisciplinary community. Applications should be sent to Michael K. Tanenhaus, Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences, Meliora Hall, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY 14627-0268. Please include a vita, sample reprints and/or preprints, a statement of research interests, and arrange for letters of reference from at least three referees. Applicants must be citizens or permanent residents of the USA. In order to guarantee full consideration, applications should be received by March 30. The University of Rochester is an equal opportunity employer. We encourage applications from women and from underrepresented minorities.

\*\*\*\*\* 3. Position in Cognitive Psychology - Australia From: Jenny Burt <j...@psy.uq.edu.au> There is a tenurable lecturing position in Cognitive Psychology available in Psychology at the University of Queensland. Applications close 9 April. We need a person to teach in general cognition. Please email j.b...@psy.uq.edu.au or check our web page <http://www.psy.uq.edu.au/> for information about the school. See below for contact details about the application process. The School of Psychology is seeking applications for the position of Lecturer/Senior Lecturer (Level B/C) in the area of Cognitive Psychology. The appointee will be expected to teach undergraduate subjects in cognitive psychology, and supervise student research at postgraduate level. He/She should also be able to participate in the teaching of the School's core undergraduate program in psychological research

methods. Applicants should possess a PhD in psychology, together with demonstrated experience in research supervision and a record of research in the area of cognitive psychology. In addition to strong research skills, the appointee should possess excellent teaching skills, with an interest and enthusiasm with respect to teaching.

Demonstrated strength in the development and delivery of laboratory/practical teaching in the area of cognitive psychology are also required. This is a continuing full-time appointment at Lecturer (Level B) or Senior Lecturer (Level C). Salary will be within the range Lecturer (Level B) A\$48,327 - \$57,388 per annum, or Senior Lecturer (Level C) A\$59,201 - \$68,262 per annum, plus employer superannuation contributions of 17%. Telephone Ms Katrina Williams on +61 7 3365 7395 or email: k.willi...@psy.uq.edu.au, to receive a position description. Alternatively, see the University web site at <http://www.uq.edu.au>. Jennifer S. Burt PhD j.b...@psy.uq.edu.au Senior Lecturer School of Psychology Phone +61 7 3365-6338 University of Queensland Fax +61 7 3 QLD 4072 Australia \*\*\*\*\*

4. Post-doc positions: UMass/Amherst From: Keith Rayner <kray...@medusa.sbs.umass.edu> Postdoctoral Traineeships in Cognitive, Developmental, or Educational Psychology: The Department of Psychology at the University of Massachusetts/Amherst has up to three post-doctoral fellowships available. The traineeships are funded by the National Institute of Health. Recipients must be US citizens or permanent residents. Ph.D. or equivalent required. Salary: \$26,256 with no prior post-doc experience and \$27,720 with one year experience. Send vita, statement of interests, and three letters of recommendation to Professor Keith Rayner, Department of Psychology, Amherst, MA 01003 by April 26, 1999. The traineeships will begin as early as July 1st and as late as September 1st. The University of Massachusetts is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Keith Rayner 413-545-2175 ray...@psych.umass.edu \*\*\*\*\*

5. RA Position: Oxford From: Kim Plunkett <Kim.Plunk...@psy.ox.ac.uk> University of Oxford Department of Experimental Psychology Research Assistant Academic-Related Research Staff Grade 1A: Salary stlg15,735-stlg23,651 pa An immediate vacancy exists for a research assistant to work on a project concerning first language acquisition. The research assistant will be working with the Oxford Babylab team and will be testing children between 6 and 36 months using the Preferential Looking Paradigm. The post involves contacting parents, scheduling, preparation of visual and auditory stimulus materials, testing of children and adults, and data analysis. Competence with Excel, SPSS and Word would be an advantage. Experience in working with young children, preferably of the above age group is essential. The position is funded for 12 months by a grant from the Leverhulme Trust and it is intended that the appointee will be in post on or before 1st May 1999. Informal enquiries about the research can be made to Professor Plunkett (Kim.Plunk...@psy.ox.ac.uk). Before submitting an application candidates should obtain further particulars from the Administrator, Department of Experimental Psychology, South Parks Road, Oxford OX1 3UD. (Email applicati...@psy.ox.ac.uk) or telephone 01865 271399 quoting Ref: RA/kpl/LEV. The closing date for applications is 19 March 1999. Interviews are planned for 29 March 1999. Further information on the department can be found on the web-site <http://www.psych.ox.ac.uk> \*\*\*\*\*

6. Postdoc positions: Georgetown University From: Michael Ullman <mich...@giccs.georgetown.edu> TWO POSTDOC POSITIONS: ERP & FMRI STUDIES OF LANGUAGE & MEMORY We are seeking to hire two full-time Postdoctoral Fellows (or highly qualified non-PhDs) to carry out ERP and fMRI studies of language and memory. The positions are in the Brain and Language lab at the Georgetown Institute for Cognitive and Computational Sciences (GICCS) at Georgetown University Medical School. GICCS is a new institute dedicated to understanding the relation between brain and cognition. It is composed of a group of about fifteen researchers pursuing a variety of lines of research in cognition, computation, and neuroscience. At the Brain and Language lab we are interested in the neural, computational, psychological, and developmental bases of language and memory. Our work focuses on elucidating the underpinnings of lexicon (words) and grammar (rules), with a particular interest in the issues of modularity, neural localization, and domain-specificity/generality. We are carrying out several projects to test the hypothesis that the temporal-lobe declarative memory system, which has previously been implicated in the learning and use of fact and event knowledge, also subserves word knowledge; and that the frontal/basal-ganglia procedural memory system, which has previously been implicated in the learning and use of motor and cognitive skills, such as riding a bicycle, also subserves grammatical knowledge. We are also examining sex differences in language. Our language projects focus primarily on English, Italian, and Japanese. The successful candidates will be primarily responsible for carrying out (1) ERP studies, using a high-end 96 channel system; or (2) fMRI studies, on a 1.5T Vision Siemens MR system. They will design and set up ERP/fMRI experiments, test subjects, analyze data, and prepare presentations and papers. There will also be opportunities to be involved in other projects, including (1) Magnetoencephalography (MEG) studies; (2) behavioral studies of people with adult-onset brain damage (aphasics and patients with Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, or Huntington's disease) or with developmental language disorders (Specific Language Impairment, Williams syndrome); (3) psycholinguistic studies of normal adults. The minimum requirement for the positions is research experience with \*either\* ERPs or fMRI. No previous experience with language or memory studies is required. The candidate should be available to work for a minimum of two years. The start date is flexible, but must be some time between late spring and early fall of 1999. Salary will be highly competitive. To apply, please send Michael Ullman a resume and arrange to have two letters of recommendation sent to him (preferably by email). Georgetown University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer. Michael Ullman Assistant Professor Director, Brain and Language Laboratory Georgetown Institute for Cognitive and Computational Sciences (GICCS) Research Building 3970 Reservoir Rd, NW Georgetown University Washington DC 20007 Email: mich...@giccs.georgetown.edu Tel: Office: 202-687-6064 Lab: 202-687-6896 Fax: 202-687-6914 \*\*\*\*\*

7. Postdoc position: Florida State University From: Donald J. Foss <df...@mailer.fsu.edu> Dear Colleagues, Post-doctoral Opportunity at Florida State University

I have available a post-doctoral position in my laboratory at Florida State University. The title of the position is Visiting Assistant in Cognitive Science, whose incumbent, Matt Traxler, will be departing to join the University of South Carolina as Assistant Professor. The position is an annual one, renewable for up to three years upon mutual agreement. The salary range is \$29,000 - \$32,000. Some funds are also available to help with moving costs and for travel to meetings. The successful applicant must be a self-starter who independently can manage a comprehension laboratory (e.g., construct materials, set up computer-based experiments, analyze data, etc.). Our work focusses upon on-line language processing in adults; published work on this topic is desirable. There also will be time available for the successful candidate to pursue independent projects. The position will be available in the latter half of the summer, though the actual start date is flexible. Please forward this to people you think might be interested. Candidates should forward to the address below a statement of interest, a vita, and three letters of recommendation. The closing date for applications is April 8. I welcome an email copy of the letter of interest as a head's up. Don Foss Donald J. Foss, Ph.D. Dean, College of Arts & Sciences Professor of Psychology 110 Longmire, Ivy Way The Florida State University Tallahassee, FL 32306-1280 (850) 644-4404; Fax (850) 644-8029

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