

Position Description

Position Title: Postdoctoral Research Associate in the Cognitive Science of Values

The Program in Cognitive Science, in collaboration with the University Center for Human Values, invites applications for a postdoctoral position in the Cognitive Science of Values. The successful candidate will be based in the laboratory of Dr. Tania Lombrozo in the Department of Psychology. We aim to support a highly promising scholar with a background in cognitive science or a related discipline, such as psychology, empirically informed/experimental philosophy, or formal epistemology. The scholar's research agenda should address a topic that engages with both cognitive science and values, such as the role of moral values in decision making, the role of epistemic values in belief revision, or the role of values in the cognitive science of religion. The proposed research is expected to yield both theoretical and empirical publications. Candidates will be expected to contribute the equivalent of one course each year to the University Center and/or the Department. This contribution may be fulfilled by teaching a course on a topic related to cognitive science of values (subject to approval by Project Directors, the Department Chair or Chairs, and the Office of the Dean of the Faculty) or service to the Project or Center of some other sort, subject to approval of the Project and Center Directors. If teaching a semester-long course, the successful candidate would carry the additional title of Lecturer. The candidate will be appointed in the Program in Cognitive Science and will be invited to participate in programs of the University Center for Human Values.

Qualifications

Applications are welcome from candidates who have or expect to have a Ph.D. by the start date, September 1, 2023. Applicants should not have held the degree for more than three years by the date of appointment. They may not be employed by another institution during the term of their Princeton appointment. Applications will be evaluated based on the applicant's previous accomplishments, the promise of the proposed research project in the cognitive science of values, and the applicant's ability to contribute to the intellectual life of the Program in Cognitive Science, the University Center for Human Values, and Dr. Lombrozo's laboratory group.

Term of Appointment

The term of appointment is one year, normally beginning September 1, 2023, with the expectation of renewal depending on funding and performance. The selected candidates will be required to be in residence in Princeton or the local vicinity or demonstrate to the program's satisfaction the ability to be on campus daily and on short notice in order to fulfill responsibilities relating to in-person participation. Princeton offers competitive salary and employee benefits.

How to Apply

Submit an online application at <https://www.princeton.edu/acad-positions/position/28301>.

A complete application will require:

1. A current curriculum vitae;
2. A research proposal (not to exceed 1,500 words) including the title;
3. A representative manuscript or publication;

4. Contact information only for three referees, who will be asked to comment specifically on your qualifications for the proposed research project. Referees will be contacted directly. Materials should be submitted online by January 31, 2023, 11:59 pm, EST for full consideration. Letters of reference are to be submitted by the end of the business day on February 5, 2023 (5:00PM EST). We will continue to accept applications until the position is filled.

This position is subject to the University's background check policy.

Princeton University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer, and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to age, race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law.