Research Assistant (RA) Application
The Lab for Early Social Cognition (LESC)
@ the University of Maryland

Principal Investigator: Jonathan Beier, PhD

Lab Website: http://socialkidslab.umd.edu

Description: Our research investigates the development of the cognitive and social processes that guide reasoning about, and participation in, the social world. Current projects examine early prosocial behavior and socio-moral cognition, focusing mostly on toddlers and preschoolers. As an RA, you will gain experience with current behavioral research methods and earn opportunities for deeper involvement in the research process. Expect your time in our lab to in involve collaboration with other undergraduate researchers and many interactions with children and their parents.

INSTRUCTIONS

Please fill out the following application, either by hand or electronically (use only Adobe Reader or Acrobat, not Apple Preview). Be sure to fill out ALL fields. If something does not apply to you, indicate **"N/A"**.

Return the application to Amanda Woodward (a current lab doctoral student): amwoodwa@umd.edu.

You may attach a resume or CV, although one is not required.

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General Information

Today's Date: _____ / _____ / _____   UID: _____

Personal Information

Name: _____
Last   First   MI

Address: _____
Street   Apt / Unit #

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City   State   ZIP

Cell #: _____   E-mail: _____

Current Education Information

Class Year: _____   Major: _____   Minor: _____

Overall GPA: _____   Major GPA: _____

Coursework

Please list any statistics (STAT), methodology (METH), psychology (PSYC), mathematics (MATH), biology (BIOL), natural science (NSCI), or other coursework you have taken relevant to the types of research in this lab. Use the above abbreviations to indicate the type of course.

Course name	Course number	Type of Course	Grade
Intro Psychology	**PSYC 100**	**PSYC**	

Previous Experience & Goals

Do you have prior research experience? If so, please list the dates, activities, and populations with which you have worked.

Name & Type of Prior Experience	Date(s)	Activities

Describe any past experience you might have working with infants, children, or adolescents. Please list the age groups and the nature of the experience:

Date(s)	Age(s)	Nature of Work

Please list, to the best of your abilities, your current academic and career goals:

Please describe what you hope to gain from working in the *Lab for Early Social Cognition*:

Availability

Please list ALL days and times you are available to work during your first semester. Provide a minimum of 10 hours/week in at least 2 hour blocks. (NOTE: LESC RAs are required to work some weekend hours, which will be discussed individually with each RA.)

* **Lab RA Applicants:** Hours should be between 9 AM – 6 PM, Monday – Friday.

	Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wed**	**Thursday**	**Friday**	**Saturday**	**Sunday**
AM (9 AM – 1 PM)							
PM (1 PM – 6 PM)							
Evening (6 PM – 8 PM)							

Please select the terms during which you are able to work:

☐ Winter Break   ☐ Spring Semester (late Jan – mid-May)   ☐ Summer Break (June – mid-Aug)   ☐ Fall Semester (Sept – mid-Dec)

LESC requires that RAs commit to working in the lab for at least 2 <u>FULL</u> consecutive semesters. *This may include Fall to Spring, Spring to Summer, or Spring to Fall (or any variation not including winter).* Additionally, we would love to have RAs here for the winter and summer as well. Is this a requirement you can commit to?

☐ Yes   ☐ No

Are you hoping to receive course credit or gain research experience?   ☐ Credit   ☐ Research Experience

What is your earliest start date? _____

Winter Break

For winter break, it's beneficial for the lab to have undergraduates who are available to come in because we spend most January training new RAs and testing families. Typically, this is on an "as needed" or "whenever available" basis.

Will you be available to work <u>WINTER BREAK</u>?   ☐ Yes   ☐ No