RESEARCH PROFESSIONAL

Dr. Joshua Conrad Jackson is seeking a full-time pre-doctoral research assistant. This research assistant would conduct research on how culture and history influence human behavior and cognition, including moral psychology, religious belief and ritual, emotion, political ideology, social norms, and language. The position’s preferred start-date is September 1st, 2023, but the exact date is flexible. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis starting on November 15th, continuing until the position is filled. The position’s duration is one year with the (encouraged) possibility of an additional year.

Responsibilities will include: (a) Conducting literature reviews, (b) designing and running studies, (c) organizing and cleaning surveys, experiments, and big datasets, (d) analyzing data and writing summaries of results, (e) writing and editing manuscripts, (f) maintaining and organizing digital databases, (g) recruiting and supervising research assistants, and (h) attending regular in-person meetings.

Desirable qualities include: (a) Bachelor’s degree in psychology, economics, anthropology, or related field, (b) interest in pursuing graduate studies related to behavioral science, (c) basic proficiency in R for data analysis and visualization, (d) interest in conducting original research and writing academic papers. Experience with NLP or machine learning is desirable but not required.

The successful candidate will collaborate with Dr. Jackson on laboratory experiments, cross-cultural surveys, computational analyses using natural language processing and simulations, and quantitative analyses of ethnography and cross-cultural vocabularies. They will also have the opportunity to attend seminars and lab meetings in the Behavioral Science department and to attend professional development seminars offered through Booth. Research Professionals at Chicago Booth have gone on to Ph.D. programs at Harvard, MIT, Princeton, and the University of Chicago. The position has a competitive salary and provides standard benefits such as health insurance. Email joshua.jackson@kellogg.northwestern.edu if you have questions about any of this information, or have other questions about the position.

To apply, please fill out this online survey (https://bit.ly/3EMem2f) and this formal application (https://uchicago.wd5.myworkdayjobs.com/External/job/Chicago-IL/Research-Professional_JR18804). Submission will require a data task, a transcript, a 2-page statement of interest, a CV, and the names of two referees. Your statement of interest should include a discussion of your research interests and your perceived fit with Dr. Jackson’s areas of research.

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Chicago Booth is dedicated to creating an environment where people of different backgrounds, broadly defined, feel valued and where their ideas and contributions can flourish. Chicago Booth welcomes applications from women, persons with disabilities, veterans, foreign nationals, and under-represented groups. As someone who studies culture, Dr. Jackson places great value on a culturally diverse research environment. If you need an accommodation to apply to a Chicago Booth Research Staff Program, or if there are other factors impacting your ability to apply to an open position, please email ResearchProfessional@lists.chicagobooth.edu.

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