



1 Advertisement

Post Title: Research Assistant

School/department: Psychology

Hours: full time hours up to 36.5 hours per week.

Requests for flexible working options will be considered (subject to business need, but note that in-person testing during normal business hours will be required).

Contract: fixed term until 30 September 2024

Reference: 9166

Salary: starting at £31,411 to £35,333 per annum, pro rata if part time.

Placed on: 02 August 2022.

Closing date: 24 August 2022 Applications must be received by midnight of the closing date.

Expected interview date: To be confirmed.

Expected start date: 1 October 2022

This is an exciting opportunity to conduct research on individual differences in how we understand and remember events. You will coordinate and carry out data collection for a large-scale functional MRI study undertaken by the Episodic Memory Group at the University of Sussex (<http://www.sussex.ac.uk/psychology/memory/>), together with collaborators at the University of Cambridge and Boston College. The research is part of the €2M “EVENTS” project lead by Prof Chris Bird and funded by the European Research Council.

You will join a group of researchers investigating the brain processes that underpin episodic memory. You will be expected to be well-organised, highly motivated and have excellent communication skills. Your role will involve recruiting and testing a large cohort of participants, scoring and analysing the data, and presenting the results at national and international conferences.

At least a 2:1 degree in Psychology or cognitive neuroscience is essential, or a degree in another relevant discipline with experience of working in experimental psychology research.

Please contact Prof Chris Bird, email: chris.bird@sussex.ac.uk for informal enquiries.

The University is committed to equality and valuing diversity, and applications are particularly welcomed from women and black and minority ethnic candidates, who are under-represented in academic posts in Science, Technology, Engineering, Medicine and Mathematics (STEMM) at Sussex.

For full details and how to apply see our [vacancies page](#)

The University of Sussex values the diversity of its staff and students and we welcome applicants from all backgrounds.

2. The School

The University of Sussex is a leading research and teaching institution and is ranked within the top 20 in the UK and the top 150 in the world. The School of Psychology at the University of Sussex is one of the largest centers for the study of psychology in the UK. The School was rated in the top 20 in the 2021 Research Excellence Framework. The School has recently been awarded a Athena Swan Silver Award.

Please find further information regarding the School at www.sussex.ac.uk/psychology.

3. Job Description

Job Description for the post of: Research Assistant in Cognitive Neuroscience

School:	Psychology
Location:	Pevensey 1 Building
Grade:	6
Responsible to:	Chris Bird
Responsible for:	none

Research Assistant is a pre-Doctoral career-grade research position. Post-holders will be expected to contribute to the work of the research team, and also to develop their research skills with support from more experienced members of staff. Their key responsibility will be to coordinate data collection for a large functional MRI study of memory. This will involve recruiting adult participants (students and non-students), managing behavioral data collection (online and in-person), scanning participants, scoring and analysing all study data and preparing summaries of the results.

4. Person Specification

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA

1. Normally educated to degree level, or other equivalent qualification, or relevant level of experience in experimental psychology research.
2. Excellent presentation skills, with the ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, with colleagues and external audiences.
3. Ability to work independently (under supervision by the Principal Investigator), and as part of a team.
4. Ability to exercise a degree of innovation and creative problem-solving.
5. Excellent organisational and administrative skills.
6. Ability to prioritise and meet deadlines.
7. Excellent IT skills.

DESIRABLE CRITERIA

1. Knowledge of research into the cognitive neuroscience of memory
2. Experience of psychological testing in non-student adult populations
3. Experience of managing large-scale projects