

Resources for Applying to Post-Graduate Psychology Research Positions

Research jobs in psychology are often difficult to find and not well-publicized. This document is meant to provide a simple, centralized list of the websites and email listservs where these positions are typically posted. It's intended primarily to serve undergraduates and recent graduates looking to explore a career in research (particularly in the U.S.). These positions typically (but not always) appear online around early/mid spring with summer start dates, last 1-3 years, and serve as excellent preparation for graduate programs as well as other psychology-related career paths.

Job Boards

General

- [New Psych Job Wiki: Research Assistant/Lab Manager Positions](#)*
- [Psychology Grad School Wiki: Post-Grad](#)*
- [Clinical Psych Grad School: Positions](#)
- [PREDOC](#) (filter by "Behavioral Science" or related fields)
- [Social Psychology Network](#)
- [HigherEdJobs](#), [Indeed](#), [Glassdoor](#), [ZipRecruiter](#), & [LinkedIn](#)
 - Try a combination of these search words:
 - "Psychology", "Neuroscience", "Behavioral Science", "Clinical" (or other field of interest)
 - "Research Assistant/Coordinator"
 - "Lab Manager/Coordinator/Technician"

University-affiliated

- [Post-Graduate Psychology Research Jobs](#) (Harvard University)*
- [Psychology Job & Internship Opportunities](#) (Dr. Camilla McMahon)*
- [Internship & Job Opportunities](#) (Duke University)
- [Research and Other Opportunities - Mind Brain Behavior](#) (Harvard)

Organizations

- [Society for Personality and Social Psychology \(SPSP\)](#)*
- [Society for Affective Science \(SAS\)](#)
- [National Institutes of Health \(NIH\)](#)

Listservs

(email groups with occasional job listings)

- [Behavioral Insights Student Group \(BISG\) at Harvard](#)
- [PostBac Psych Job Listserv](#) (Georgetown University)
- [Cognitive Development Society](#)
- [Cognitive Science Society](#)
- [Cognitive Neuroscience Society](#) (membership required)
- [Society of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology](#) (membership required)

Other Resources

Guides and programs to help you apply

- [Before You Apply to Graduate Programs in Psychology: Knowing When You're Ready and Gaining Post-Baccalaureate Experiences*](#)
- [How to find a BA-level Research Assistant position](#)
- [STAR Scholars Program \(University of Michigan\)](#)

Funding opportunities

- [NSF Programs](#)
- [NIH Programs](#)

Summer research for undergraduates

- [Paid Internships List*](#)
- [SPSP Undergraduate Summer Research*](#)
- [APA Undergraduate Research Opportunities & Internships](#)
- [NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates \(REU\)](#)
- [LearnPsychology: Pre-Professional Experience](#)

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- Professors often advertise their open lab positions (and repost others!) from their personal and/or lab accounts

General tips & strategies

Cold Emails

- Many post-grad research positions are never posted at all, so it is likely necessary to cold email faculty whose research interests you. In fact, this is often the single best strategy for landing a job interview.
- These emails should be short (3-5 sentences), polite, personalized, demonstrate that you have read their work, and include your CV.
- Create a spreadsheet to track your cold emails, and follow up once more with the professor or their lab manager after ~2 weeks if you have not heard back.

Mentorship Help

- If you are fortunate to have faculty and/or graduate student mentors, schedule meetings with them to discuss your research interests and career goals. Ask them to keep an eye out for job openings!

University Resources

- Make sure to check your current institution's website! Oftentimes, they have career advising resources, a university-specific job board, and more.

(For an excellent guide similar to this but specific to social psychology, see:

[Finding Post-Bac Social Psych Jobs](#))

If you have any feedback or additional resources for this document, I would love to hear your input! I update it about once/year, so please let me know if any links are outdated.