

Attachment A: Position Announcement



UC DAVIS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

The Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the University of California, Davis is recruiting for a qualified Junior Specialist to work in the rodent behavioral testing facility in Tupper Hall on the Davis Campus under the direction of Dr. Robert Berman.

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

This position will be involved in preclinical studies of neurodevelopmental disorders, including autism. Successful candidates will participate in laboratory studies using rodent models of neurodevelopmental disorders, and will assist in studies using behavioral techniques to assess neurological function in animal models. General responsibilities include training and testing rats on a variety of behavioral assays for motor function, sensory processing of auditory and visual stimuli, memory and learning and social interactions used to characterize animal models of developmental disorders. Responsibilities also include assistance in the design of new behavioral tests, summarizing experimental data and generating summary reports of results. As well as attending weekly research meetings with principle investigators, research fellows and other staff. The Junior Specialist will also assist in the preparation of manuscripts for publication, review of research proposals and will be expected to attend seminars and other activities relevant to research on neurodevelopmental disorders. The ideal candidate will have strong interpersonal, communication, and decision-making skills; as well as the ability to work well independently and as part of a team.

BASIC QUALIFICATIONS:

Bachelor degree in Psychology, Animal Biology, Animal Behavior, Neuroscience, Biology or a related field with a minimum of 1 year of laboratory experience working with rodents (i.e., rats and mice).

Other qualifications include experience in care and handling of rodents used in research, familiarity with computers and standard software used for word processing, data summary and analysis (excel), preparation of presentations (e.g., PowerPoint), use of standard laboratory equipment.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

Preference is for an individual who has experience with software and video tracking systems used to analyze rodent behaviors, familiarity with behavioral tests for learning and memory, anxiety, prepulse inhibition, social approach, and a background in animal behavior.

SALARY RANGE: Step I - \$17.99 per hour or Step II - \$19.18 per hour commensurate with qualifications and experience.

TERM OF APPOINTMENT: Short term, seasonal appointment based on the needs of the research project. Appointments may be made up to 100%.

TO APPLY: To apply, please go to the following link: <https://recruit.ucdavis.edu/apply/JPF01437>

Applicants should submit cover letter and curriculum vitae. Documents/materials must be submitted as PDF files. Applicants should also provide contact information for 3 references.

QUESTIONS: Please direct questions to Robert F. Berman, Ph.D., Director of the Rat Behavioral Testing Laboratory, UC Davis (rfberman@ucdavis.edu)

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