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Title
Scientific lab coordinator in psychology, education, and neuroscience

Institution
Hector Research Institute of Education Sciences and Psychology, Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, University of Tübingen

Position
We are seeking a motivated master (or ph. D.) level researcher as a scientific lab coordinator who supports our projects on motivation and affect in education. We are looking for candidates who have a background in psychology, education science, neuroscience, computer science, or a related field. The position is suitable for (1) master-level students who want to acquire more practical research experiences before applying for ph. D. positions in their own field or master- or (2) ph. D.-level re-searchers who want to pursue scientific project coordinating jobs and gain further research experience.

The position comes with a contract for 3 years (initial funding is available until 2026 March) with a potential extension for 2 years. The successful candidate is expected to start as early as possible, but the exact start date is negotiable. The contract hours would also be negotiable between 50-100%. The candidate needs to live in a commutable area from Hector Research Institute, Tübingen.

The position is part of the new Alexander von Humboldt Professorship held by Professor Kou Mu-rayama. A Humboldt Professorship is the most highly endowed research prize in Germany (https://www.humboldt-professur.de/en). The Hector Research Institute is a nationally and interna-tionally leading research center in education sciences and psychology. Our interdisciplinary team works in a well-equipped building close to the historic old town of Tübingen, Germany. Research at the Hector Research Institute is multifaceted (longitudinal survey, randomized control intervention, digital media learning, lab experiments, educational neuroscience etc.), but all the projects aim to provide empirical foundation for educational practice. Our team closely collaborates with each other within as well as beyond the institute. More information can be found at www.hib.uni-tuebingen.de.
The successful candidate will benefit from unique opportunities, including:
- Gain various research experiences in projects on education, psychology, and neuroscience.
- Close collaboration, mentoring, and professional development from a supervisory team.
- Opportunities for interdisciplinary and international exchange programs (e.g., lab visits).
- Access to the LEAD Research Network (www.lead.uni-tuebingen.de).

Responsibilities
The successful candidate is expected to help various aspects of day-to-day lab work of Prof. Kou Murayama, Michiko Sakaki, Ulrich Trautwein, and other colleagues at Hector Research Institute. This includes scheduling participants, supporting paperwork, experimental programming, setting up and maintaining lab facilities and generally participating in the conduct of research and studies. Applicants who are interested in having experiences in neuroimaging studies would be particularly welcome.

Requirements
The successful candidate should have the following profile.
- Very good academic university degree (master's degree or ph. D.) in the field of psychology, educational sciences, neuroscience, computer science, or a related discipline.
- Strong communication skills (written and oral) in German and English and ability to work in a team with supportive mindset.
- Ideally some experience in science-related project coordination.

Application procedure (deadline etc.)
Applications including a cover letter briefly describing (1) your past experiences that make a strong case for the current job, (2) future career vision and (3) desired contract hours (between 50%-100%) and start date, a CV, degree and other certificates with transcripts should be sent via email in one single pdf-file with the subject “lab coordinator” to jobs@hib.uni-tuebingen.de. Initial deadline is September 25th but we continue to seek candidates until the position is filled by a highly qualified candidate. Disabled candidates will be given preference over other equally qualified applicants. The University seeks to raise the number of women in research and teaching and therefore urges qualified women to apply for these positions. Employment will be officially organized by the central university administration.

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