Position available: postdoc, or highly-qualified research assistant

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Abstract

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University of Sydney main quadrangle

The University of Sydney is Australia's first university with an outstanding global reputation for academic and research excellence. The School of Psychology is Australia's first established psychology department and boasts a proud history of excellence that characterises the entirety of its research and educational activities. You would be working with a dynamic community of local vision researchers (see http://www.physiol.usyd.edu.au/span/) and attend seminars and colloquia in perception and related fields.

An essential requirement for the Postdoctoral Research Associate position is a PhD in psychology, vision science, or similar field, and a demonstrated ability to conduct vision research (BSc Honours or equivalent if at the Research Associate level). An understanding of psychophysical and psychology experiment design is also essential. Conducting the experiments will require skill in programming visual perception experiments and experience analysing data from psychophysical and/or psychology experiments, using a command-line tool (as opposed to Excel or SPSS) such as R, MATLAB, or program code in Python, C, etc. Preference may be given to individuals with experience with PsychoPy and R.

The position is full-time fixed term for 16 months subject to the completion of a satisfactory probation period for new appointees. There is the possibility of further offers of employment of up to 12 months, subject to funding and need. Membership of a University approved superannuation scheme is a condition of employment for new appointees.

Remuneration package: up to $92k p.a. (currently ~$90k USD), consisting of a base salary, leave loading and up to 17% employer's contribution to superannuation). Some assistance towards relocation cost and visa sponsorship may be available for the successful appointee if required. Level of appointment will be commensurate with experience and qualifications.

All applications must be submitted via The University of Sydney careers website. Visit http://sydney.edu.au/positions/ and search by the reference number, ~~3856/1110~~ 3846/1110, for more information and to apply.

CLOSING DATE: 13 January 2011 (11:30PM Sydney time) with interview to be scheduled in the beginning of February.
The University is an Equal Opportunity employer committed to equity, diversity and social inclusion. Applications from equity target groups and women are encouraged. The University reserves the right not to proceed with any appointment.

UPDATE: human resources here gave me the wrong reference number, which has now been corrected above

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