

Max-Planck-Institute for Human Development



The third-party funded, multi-site collaboration project among the Max Planck Institute for Human Development in Berlin (PI: Zoe Ngo), Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin (PI: Claudia Buss), and Goethe-Universität Frankfurt (PI: Yee Lee Shing) is looking for applications for a position as a student research assistant (f/m/d) for 35.5 hrs/month.

Psychology Student Research Assistant (f/m/d) (35.5 Hrs. / Month)

Project description The 4-year-long experiment aims to characterize the development of schema formation and memory specificity, on the behavioral and neural levels, in children and adults. We will examine how early life adversity, known to impact consolidation-related neural substrates, differentially impacts schema formation and episodic memory in children. Further, we will assess the memory benefits of targeted memory reactivation for schema-relevant and schema-irrelevant information in children with and without early stress exposure, and in adults.

City: Berlin; Starting date (earliest): 01/10/26; Duration: 6 months with possibility of extension; Remuneration: 16.50€ or 17.17€/hour depending on qualifications; Closing date: 16/08/26

Tasks

- Managing communication with study participants and their families (recruitment, scheduling, etc.)
- Preparation of and conduction of behavioral experimental sessions with children
- Stimulus generation (with help of AI tools)

Requirements

- Highly motivated, reliable and responsible students of psychology (all semesters) or a related subject with very good English and native-level German skills
- Enjoy working with children
- Interest in developmental psychology/cognitive neuroscience
- Good knowledge of programming languages (R, MATLAB, Python) or willingness to develop them
- Experience in data collection for psychological studies is helpful, but not required
- Perspective interest in working on the project for at least 1 year

What we offer

- Work in a young and international team
- Flexible working hours; 16.50€ or 17.17€/hour depending on qualifications
- Insight into all stages of preparation, implementation and evaluation of developmental psychology studies

- Training in the implementation and evaluation of complex behavioral data analyses

Application

Please send your application with a cover letter, CV (without photo), bachelor's or intermediate examination certificates, high school diploma and job references (if available) in one PDF file by email to raven@mpib-berlin.mpg.de by August 16 2026.

More information at <https://stellenticket.de/206201/TUB/>
Offer visible until 28/08/26

