Job Opportunity in Education Research
Assessments of Preschoolers’ Social-Emotional Skills in San Francisco

Position Summary: Dr. Jelena Obradović (https://sparklab.stanford.edu/) is currently seeking to hire research assistants to conduct assessments of preschoolers’ social-emotional skills (e.g., executive functions, emotion knowledge, social problem solving, empathy, theory of mind) using table-top and tablet-based measures.

In this role, you will:
- Receive training in child assessment protocols
- Conduct assessments of preschoolers’ social-emotional skills in classroom settings in San Francisco, CA.
- Transmit data to the SPARK lab using iPad and smartphone surveys

This role requires:
- Four hours of online coursework, four hours of virtual training using Zoom, and six hours of in-person training at Stanford University in late March 2023.
- Commitment to work in preschools throughout San Francisco for at least two mornings (approximately 9:00 AM – 12 PM) per week for 4 or more weeks between April 3 and May 27, 2023.
- Travel to Stanford University for training and to preschools throughout San Francisco.
- Having a valid driver’s license and access to a car would be helpful but is not required.
- A negative TB test result from the past four years
- Passing a federal Live Scan fingerprint background check
- Proof of COVID vaccination
- Spanish or Cantonese fluency is highly desirable, but not required.

To be successful in this role, you will bring:
- Interest in getting field experience working in schools.
- Interest in child development or early childhood education.
- Prior experience working with young children
- Strong attention to detail.

Research assistants will gain practical experience in the field of early childhood education and learn about social and emotional learning skills. The ideal candidate will be friendly, outgoing, and enjoy working with teachers and children.


The job duties listed are typical examples of work performed by positions in this job classification and are not designed to contain or be interpreted as a comprehensive inventory of all duties, tasks, and responsibilities. Specific duties and responsibilities may vary depending on department or program needs without changing the general nature and scope of the job or level of responsibility. Employees may also perform other duties as assigned.

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