Apply now for the 2021 SCD Lab Summer Internship Program at Yale University!

Spearheaded by Dr. Yarrow Dunham, research in the Social Cognitive Development Lab focuses on children’s understanding of the social world—what do kids understand about how individuals and groups relate to one another? For more information, including recent projects and publications, visit http://socialcogdev.com.

Summer interns will support the lab’s work through a variety of tasks including participant recruitment and scheduling, study design, experiment facilitation, data entry and more. Interns will also attend weekly lab meetings to discuss journal articles related to our lab’s work, current and future project design and present research findings.

Based upon research interests, all interns will be assigned to work with a “point person” (graduate student, post-doctoral researcher or other staff member within the lab) and will report directly to them throughout the internship. Please visit our website to learn more about our researchers.
Eligibility: Our internship program is open to currently enrolled undergraduates and recent college graduates seeking additional research experience. Please note that recent graduates from non-US institutions may not be able to participate due to visa restrictions.

Time commitment: Our internship program requires a commitment of ten, full-time (37.5 hr) weeks to be completed between June 7th and August 13th, 2021. Note that preference may be given based on schedule fit and flexibility and some weekend hours are required.

Funding: All interns will receive a $5,000 stipend. Travel reimbursement may be available if the internship is held in-person.

Application materials: The following is required for a complete application: 1) résumé/CV, 2) an unofficial academic transcript, 3) a completed application form, and 4) a letter of recommendation from an individual who can speak to your academic, professional, and/or research capabilities. NOTE: Please ask your recommender to send their letter of recommendation to katherine.vasquez [at] yale [dot] edu by February 21st, 2021, 11:59 PST.

Submission deadline: Please send all application materials to: katherine.vasquez [at] yale [dot] edu by February 21st, 2021, 11:59 PM PST with subject line “[Your Last Name] SCD Lab Internship Application.” Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

Application status: All applicants will receive a confirmation notice when their application is received. If you do not receive a confirmation within three business days, please let us know. Qualified candidates will be invited to interview via Zoom between late February and early March. All final-round candidates will be notified via email of our hiring decision by March 26th, 2021, 11:59 PM PST.

Safety and COVID-19: The Social Cognitive Development Lab is committed to the safety of our researchers. Therefore, it is unknown whether our internship will be held in-person, remotely, or if we will utilize a hybrid model. We will be in constant communication with our interns and will follow the state of Connecticut’s and Yale University’s COVID-19 guidelines.

The Social Cognitive Development Lab embraces a notion of intellectual community enriched and enhanced by diversity along a number of dimensions, including race, ethnicity and national origins, gender and gender identity, sexuality, class and religion. We are especially committed to increasing the representation of those populations that have been historically excluded from participation in U.S. higher education and academia.