

Research Assistant, University of Maryland, College Park. To start May 2026. A position is open for a full-time research assistant to work on the national Healthy Brain and Cognitive Development (HBCD) study at the University of Maryland. The HBCD study is recruiting women during pregnancy and following their infants through the first five years of their lives. hbcdstudy.org. This project aims to conduct multi-modal brain imaging (MRI, EEG) and Neurobehavioral assessment across the first years of life. The work will be supervised by Drs. Nathan Fox in the Child Development Laboratory and/or Tracy Riggins in the Neurocognitive Development Laboratory.

This position is ideal for someone interested in pursuing developmental cognitive neuroscience and/or learning about using neuroscientific methods with infants and toddlers. Research assistants working on this project will be involved in scheduling visits, processing biospecimens and collecting MRI data. Training will be provided in biospecimen processing and MRI acquisition. The position will also involve working with undergraduate research assistants, including overseeing data entry and behavioral coding.

MRI data collection takes place during natural sleep. Therefore, a flexible schedule with availability on the evenings and weekends as well as reliable personal transportation is required. Required education: Bachelor's degree in Psychology, Human Development, or Cognitive or Affective Neuroscience. The position requires excellent attention to detail, organizational skills, and interpersonal skills. Prior experience working with infants and/or young children in a research context is preferred. The job is available beginning Spring 2026 and requires a two-year commitment. Interested individuals should send a cover letter, CV and the names and email addresses of two references to Jamie Listokin, listokin@umd.edu. Review of applications will begin 3/16/26 and continue until the position is filled.

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