Postdoctoral Associate - Cognitive Neuroscience of Legal Decision Making

An interdisciplinary team of lawyers and cognitive neuroscientists at Duke University seeks a postdoctoral associate to join a recently funded project on decision making by jurors, prosecutors, and defense attorneys in criminal trials. The study combines a high-throughput behavioral task with computational modeling to examine how decision makers integrate conflicting evidence, intrinsic biases and motivations when deciding whether someone accused of a crime is guilty.

The successful candidate will have opportunities to engage with experienced prosecutors and defense attorneys as well as a vibrant community of cognitive and computational neuroscientists at Duke.

The position is available immediately and will be filled as soon as possible. The appointment will be for one-year, with the possibility of extension based on funding and performance.

A PhD is required in cognitive neuroscience, psychology, statistics, or related technical field. Programming proficiency with JavaScript and experience with Bayesian statistics are preferred. Experience in survey design is also helpful. Previous legal experience is not necessary, but an interest in law and legal decision making is important.


If interested in this position, please apply online on the Duke HR website using the following link: https://jobs.brassring.com/1033/ASP/TG/cim_jobdetail.asp?partnerid=25017&siteid=5407&Areq=110858BR

During the application process, please include your CV, contact information for 2-3 references, and a cover letter addressing your research interests. An optional Research Statement (one page or longer) is encouraged. Additional questions may be addressed to Pate Skene (skene@neuro.duke.edu) or John Pearson (john.pearson@duke.edu).

Location: Durham, North Carolina

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