

Dear Sir or Madam:

Could you please forward the following description of and application for our summer internship to the undergraduates in your program? We would greatly appreciate it! If for some reason you have received this message in error, please let me know and I will correct my contact information.

Thank you,
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The Johns Hopkins Laboratory for Child Development, directed by Dr. Lisa Feigenson and Dr. Justin Halberda, studies how young children perceive and think about the world around them. We use a variety of methods to investigate early knowledge, including measuring infants' looking time to various scenes, measuring children's reaching for hidden objects, and measuring children's choices in simple experimental games.

We are currently answering such questions as:

- How many objects can infants and young children keep track of and remember over time?
- What early numerical abilities do infants and young children have?
- How do toddlers and preschoolers reason through simple logic problems?
- How do young children learn the meanings of new words?

We are offering a limited number of summer internship positions in our lab for the Summer of 2008 (starting June 2nd and ending August 1st). Student interns will gain experience in all aspects of our research, including: recruiting families to participate in our studies, understanding and helping to design experiments to be run with infants and children, constructing experimental stimuli, conducting experiment sessions with children and their parents, analyzing and interpreting data, and attending lab meetings in which general issues in cognitive development are discussed.

Applicants should have experience with children. Previous research experience is also a plus, although not required. A background in psychology or development is preferred.

The position is a full-time commitment. Depending on the strength of the application, we offer either: 1) 4 credit hours or 2) up to \$1,500 in stipend money. Receipt of university credit is dependent on agreement from the student's home institution. Students are also strongly encouraged to seek external sources of funding (e.g., many universities offer summer research funds to students who can demonstrate a strong research plan). We encourage students to look into such possibilities or to apply for such funds at their home institution (whether JHU or elsewhere) before applying, and to describe such opportunities in their application.

To apply, please mail your application, complete with all necessary components to:
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We will accept applications until March 1, 2008. Late applications will be considered only if positions remain open.

If you have any further questions, please contact Andrea Stevenson, Lab Coordinator at (410) 516-6057 or infant.research@jhu.edu. You can also find additional information about the Laboratory for Child Development at our website: <http://www.psy.jhu.edu/~labforchilddevelopment/>.