Postdoctoral Research Fellowship: Emotion and Decision Making
Harvard University

Professor Jennifer Lerner invites applications for a recently funded postdoctoral position in her lab, beginning summer of 2020. We seek applicants interested in **emotion and decision making**, broadly, and in the effects of induced emotional experience on impatience for addictive substances, specifically.

Project description:
This NIH-funded project aims to advance theories of emotion and decision making while simultaneously addressing important problems in public health. Specifically, the research will examine the causal effect of induced emotional response on: discount rate for smoking, valuation of cigarettes, and urge to smoke in a nationally-representative sample of smokers. This interdisciplinary project will involve collaborators at the Harvard Medical School and the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

Position description:
The selected individual would benefit from a highly creative and welcoming research environment that emphasizes scientific rigor, collaboration, and the pursuit of excellence in science. The selected individual would also benefit from opportunities to develop and lead new research within the broader aims of the lab as well as the opportunity to participate in seminars across the Harvard University campus.

This is a one-year appointment with the possibility of extension to multiple years. Appointment includes eligibility for health benefits through Harvard University.

Desired characteristics:
The ideal candidate will have excellent quantitative and verbal skills; strong programming skills; experience in cognitive, social, affective, or computational psychology; interest in research project management; and an interest in emotion and decision-making. Minimum requirements include: (a) a PhD in psychology, economics, public health, or a related field by spring of 2020; (b) experience using advanced statistical and modeling approaches; and (c) demonstrated ability to complete projects as evidenced by first-author publication(s).

Timeline:
We will begin to evaluate applications immediately, and will continue to review applications on a rolling basis until the position is filled. The intended start date for the position is summer 2020.

Contact information:
Please send a detailed cover letter (5-pages max), CV, and a writing sample to Ms. Chelsea Zabel (Chelsea_Zabel@hks.harvard.edu) with the subject line "Lerner NIH postdoc." In your cover letter, please include an overview of your relevant experience, a statement about your potential fit for the position, and contact information for up to three references. We will contact references for shortlisted candidates.