

Resources for Finding a Postdoc Position

Here's a list of postdoctoral & faculty-level research position resources compiled by SCSD postdocs and alumni. Our hope is that this list can continue to evolve, so please feel free to add new resources / advice you discover along the way!

Psychology-Related:

<http://psychjobsearch.wikidot.com/>

<http://www.psychologicalscience.org/index.php/post-doc-exchange>

<http://www.psyccareers.com/jobs/>

<http://psychologydegreeguide.org/job-resources/>

Linguistic-Related:

<http://linguistlist.org/jobs/search-job1.cfm>

Communication Sciences and Disorders-Related:

http://www.capsd.org/posting/position_view.php

Aging-Related:

<http://www.afar.org/research/funding/glenn-postdoc>

Clinically-Oriented Positions/Fellowships

<http://www.academyhealth.org/Training/>

<http://www.ashfoundation.org/grants/default.htm>

Other Listservs / Job postings of interest:

<http://www.nature.com/naturejobs/science/>

SANS (Social and Affective Neuroscience Society):

<http://www.socialaffectiveneuro.org/members.html>

SPM:

<http://www.fil.ion.ucl.ac.uk/spm/support/>

[subscribe to listserv or search for job announcements in the archives]

EEGLAB:

<http://scn.ucsd.edu/eeglab/eeglabmail.html>

General job-search-related advice:

<http://theprofessorisin.com/>

<http://www.universityaffairs.ca/>

Other Strategies / Ways to narrow the search:

- Think of what you want out of a post-doc (e.g., to learn new methodologies / work with new populations / be more applied or clinical / more basic-science / more inter-disciplinary...), what are your career goals, and how far are you willing to move to achieve those goals. This will help guide your search and decision-making
- Find a faculty member whose work interests you and write them directly to inquire whether they are taking on postdoctoral students or if they know of anyone who might (it's helpful to attach your CV by way of introduction). If they say they have no funding, ask them for a referral to someone who might.
- Search databases of currently-funded grants and then write to the principal investigators to see if they would like a postdoctoral fellow. For example, for positions in the States, you can search the NIH funded grants using keywords.
- Reach out to members of your professional network (friends at other institutions/in other departments, faculty members who have mentored you, neighbours who are friends with a faculty member elsewhere, etc.) and mention that you are currently looking for a postdoc position in X and are there people they would recommend you reach out to who might be looking for a postdoc or know of positions? Having a personal introduction via email can make a *big* difference in terms of being able to get an interview.
- Join academic societies (at student membership rates, while you still can!) in order to have access to their job postings and internal emails.
- It may be easier to find a position as a Project Coordinator/ Project Director staff member at a large institution, then move from that position to a Research Associate
- Focus on continuing to publish as much as you can during this search process, as it will make you more competitive for all other opportunities
- Forward postdoc positions to each other---sometimes positions show up that just haven't reached the right person yet