Dr. Laura M. Morett’s Neuroscience of Education Research on Development (NERD) Lab in the College of Health Sciences – Department of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences at the University of Missouri – Columbia is seeking applicants for a full-time, 1-year, postdoctoral fellowship. The lab conducts research on the cognitive and neural bases of typical and disordered language processing and acquisition, focusing in particular on hand gesture. A variety of methods, including electroencephalography (EEG), functional near-infrared spectroscopy (fNIRS), and eye-tracking are used to examine language and gesture across the lifespan in typical development and autism spectrum disorder (ASD), with a focus on second language (L2) acquisition and processing.

Qualified candidates will have a Ph.D. in speech, language, and hearing sciences or a related discipline (e.g., psychology, linguistics, neuroscience) and will have expertise in psycho- and/or neurolinguistics, as demonstrated via peer-reviewed conference presentations and publications in relevant venues.

Candidates will be evaluated on their expertise in embodied cognition and L2 processing, experience with methods used in the lab (EEG, fNIRS, eye-tracking), and experience conducting research with individuals with ASD. Additionally, they will be evaluated on their experience with relevant data collection and analysis software (e.g., PsychoPy, R, Matlab), familiarity with contemporary statistical methods (e.g., linear mixed effect models) and track record of publishing with respect to both quantity and quality.

Responsibilities will include data collection, data analysis, and writing of grant proposals, conference abstracts and presentations, and manuscripts. Supervision and mentorship of junior lab personnel in these skills will also be expected. The PI is fully committed to fostering the trainee’s research independence through publication of first-authored manuscripts in top journals and mentorship in grant applications. In addition to assisting with the PI's proposals, the successful applicant will be highly encouraged to develop and pursue funding for their own research project through federal (e.g., NIH F32) or foundation grant programs by the end of their first year.

The MU College of Health Sciences – CHS is the University of Missouri system’s only college of health sciences and the state’s only public health program located on a health sciences campus. Its mission is to improve the health and well-being of others. Every day, CHS faculty, staff, and students work towards changing lives through the integration of teaching, service and discovery. With programs in rehabilitation, diagnostic and imaging sciences, public health, and social work, graduates of the College of Health Sciences fill critical roles in health care. The school is comprised of seven departments and 13 disciplines, each with their own specialized accreditation.
processes. The school also hosts a satellite program of the University of Missouri-Kansas City College of Pharmacy.

Interested candidates may submit their resume or CV, a cover letter/letter of Interest, and the names and contact information of three professional references to Laura M. Morett at lmorett@health.missouri.edu.

Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled, with a targeted start date of Sept. 1, 2023.

Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience of the applicant with a minimum salary of $47,476.00.

**Benefit Eligibility:**
This position is eligible for university benefits. The University offers a comprehensive benefits package, including medical, dental and vision plans, retirement, paid time off, and educational fee discounts. For additional information on university benefits, please visit the Faculty & Staff Benefits website at [http://www.umsystem.edu/totalrewards/benefits](http://www.umsystem.edu/totalrewards/benefits)

**Values Commitment**
We value the uniqueness of every individual and strive to ensure each person’s success. Contributions from individuals with diverse backgrounds, experiences and perspectives promote intellectual pluralism and enable us to achieve the excellence that we seek in learning, research and engagement. This commitment makes our university a better place to work, learn and innovate.

In your application materials, please discuss your experiences and expertise that support these values and enrich our missions of teaching, research and engagement.

**Equal Employment Opportunity:**
Equal Opportunity is and shall be provided for all employees and applicants for employment on the basis of their demonstrated ability and competence without unlawful discrimination on the basis of their race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, sex, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, disability, protected veteran status, or any other status protected by applicable state or federal law. This policy shall not be interpreted in such a manner as to violate the legal rights of religious organizations or the recruiting rights of military organizations associated with the Armed Forces or the Department of Homeland Security of the United States of America. For more information, call the Vice Chancellor of Human Resource Services/Affirmative Action officer at 573-882-4256.

To request ADA accommodations, please call the Disability Inclusion and ADA Compliance Manager at 573-884-7278.

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**Vaccination Statement:**
After careful consideration of COVID-19 virus trends and the overwhelming evidence of COVID-19 vaccine safety and effectiveness, the School of Medicine, along with MU Health Care, the Sinclair School of Nursing and the School of Health Professions, recently announced the decision to require COVID-19 vaccinations by Oct. 1, 2021, for all employees, unless granted a medical or religious exemption.

All new hires will be required to submit proof of vaccination prior to your start date. If you would like to request a medical or religious exemption, you must do so upon acceptance of employment so our team has time to review prior to your scheduled start date. You will not be allowed to begin work until you have submitted proof of vaccination or received an approved medical or religious exemption.

Thank you for helping us to create the safest environment possible for our colleagues, students and our patients by protecting yourself and others through COVID-19 vaccination.