

# THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

## Assistant Professor of Psychology, Tenure-Track

The College of Arts and Sciences at The University of Alabama (UA) announces an opening for a tenure-track Assistant Professor in the Center for Youth Development and Intervention ("the CYDI"). This tenure-track position is open to qualified candidates in the field of Psychology (Developmental, Social, Cognitive, or Clinical).

We seek a research-focused scientist with an active program of research who is enthusiastic about collaborating with researchers from other disciplines and working in multi-disciplinary teams. A doctoral degree in Psychology (Clinical, Developmental, Experimental) or other relevant field (e.g., Social Work, Public Health, Human Development) is required.

This position will be academically housed within the Department of Psychology. The Psychology Department has 33 faculty and 100 graduate students distributed in three experimental (Cognitive, Developmental, and Social) and four APA-accredited clinical (Child, Gerontology, Health, and Law) areas. The Department offers a bachelor's degree in psychology, doctoral degrees in both clinical and experimental psychology, and a graduate minor in statistics. The University of Alabama values diversity, and we particularly welcome applications from scholars who are from populations historically underrepresented in the academy, and/or who have experience working with diverse populations.

The CYDI is one of the UA's research centers. The CYDI facilitates translational and transdisciplinary science targeting the prevention, remediation, and management of behavioral, emotional, and neurodevelopmental conditions from early childhood through early adulthood. One of our primary scientific goals is the translation of cutting-edge clinical/basic science to practice in order to improve the health and well-being of children and families in the state of Alabama and beyond. We have multiple productive collaborations both within the Center and between the CYDI core faculty and other investigators at UA and at other institutions. We are seeking an investigator with strong funding potential whose work relates broadly to promoting youth mental health, including diversity issues in mental health promotion efforts. The ideal candidate will have the ability to bridge between basic science (e.g., identification of endophenotypes or biomarkers) and applied intervention work (e.g., evidence-based programming).

The ideal candidate will possess both content expertise (area is open, though we hope to build on existing strengths in treatment outcome research, substance use prevention, violence prevention, and diversity/inclusion) and be an experienced methodologist (e.g., advanced analytic approaches such as growth modeling; eye-tracking; EEG, fMRI). Such skills provide a critical complement to faculty at the Center and to the College.

**About The University of Alabama:** The University of Alabama is an R1 (Very High Research Activity, Carnegie Classification) institution located on a beautiful 1,200-acre campus. The mission of the university is to advance the intellectual and social condition of the people of the state of Alabama and beyond through teaching, research, and service. The university is also committed to creating and sustaining a diverse, inclusive, and welcoming campus community in which every member can thrive.

The UA campus is located in the city of Tuscaloosa along the Black Warrior River. As one of Alabama's most progressive cities, Tuscaloosa boasts hundreds of restaurants, a vibrant art and cultural scene, museums and historical sites, plentiful parks and lakes, and has recently been named the "Most Livable City in America", one of America's "100 Best Communities for Young People", and one of the "50 Best College Towns." Tuscaloosa is convenient to various popular destinations, including Birmingham, Montgomery, Chattanooga, New Orleans, Atlanta, Pensacola, and spectacular Gulf coast beaches.

**About The Center for Youth Development and Intervention:** The CYDI is a state-of-the-art research, training, and service facility that brings together investigators from diverse disciplines who share an interest in developmental psychopathology. The primary goal of the Center is to facilitate translational clinical science.

targeting key processes in the prevention, remediation, and management of behavioral, emotional, and neurodevelopmental conditions from early childhood through early adulthood. The Center provides on-site and community-based training to providers, educators, and students in evidence-based assessment and intervention.

The CYDI staff includes seven faculty members from the UA Psychology Department, a research scientist, a program manager, and a project manager. Approximately 30 undergraduate students assist with data collection and management of data at the CYDI. The CYDI also includes a multidisciplinary group of over 90 scholars from across the University who study neurodevelopmental issues, problem behaviors in youth (e.g., classroom disruptive behavior, substance use), and intervention or implementation research. The CYDI has 5,446 square feet of dedicated office space comprising 13 private offices, each with a computer, networked printer, and WiFi access. The CYDI has two state-of-the-art Tobii Pro Spectrum eye-tracker systems, with associated software, technical support, and training. One system is integrated with EEG data collection, a 128 channel Geodesic EEG System.

**MRI Center at UA:** The University of Alabama's research-dedicated MRI scanner is located at the University Medical Center, which is centrally located on campus. This location is important as it places the facility closer to physicians who are required when using contrast agents to scan which expands the user base. The MRI Center is over 1500 square feet that also includes space for personnel, an MRI simulator to acclimate participants, particularly young children to the MRI environment, conference room, behavioral testing space and restrooms/changing rooms in addition to the space required for the MRI scanner. A Siemens 3 Tesla research-dedicated MRI scanner was installed in July 2022, and the scanner will be operational and available for use from September 2022.

**Application Deadline and Method of Application:** This position is open until filled. Visit <https://facultyjobs.ua.edu> for more information and to apply. The University of Alabama is an equal-opportunity employer (EOE), including an EOE of protected vets and individuals with disabilities. To be considered, the following materials must be uploaded with the application in a single PDF file: 1) A cover letter, 2) Research statement, 3) Teaching statement, 4) the names of three individuals who can provide professional references, and 5) A curriculum vita, 6) Available start date in Fall 2023. Questions can be directed to Search Committee Chair, Dr. Susan White ([swwhite1@ua.edu](mailto:swwhite1@ua.edu)).

For more information, please visit:

- Center for Youth Development and Intervention: <http://cydi.ua.edu>
- Department of Psychology: <https://psychology.ua.edu/>
- College of Arts and Sciences: <https://as.ua.edu/>
- Alabama Life Research Institute: <http://ovpred.ua.edu/alabama-life-research-institute/>