

# Assistant Professor - Biological Basis of Behavior - Department of Psychology

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## POSITION OVERVIEW

**Position title:** Assistant Professor

**Salary range:** The current salary range for this position is \$80,800–\$128,700 (9-month academic year salary), however, off-scale salary and other components of pay, which would yield compensation that is higher than this range, are offered to meet competitive conditions.

**Anticipated start:** July 1, 2026

## APPLICATION WINDOW

**Open date:** August 7, 2025

**Next review date:** Monday, Sep 8, 2025 at 11:59pm (Pacific Time)

Apply by this date to ensure full consideration by the committee.

**Final date:** Monday, Sep 8, 2025 at 11:59pm (Pacific Time)

Applications will continue to be accepted until this date.

## POSITION DESCRIPTION

The Department of Psychology at The University of California, Berkeley seeks to appoint a new tenure-track Assistant Professor studying the Biological Basis of Behavior. We welcome applications from researchers who study biology and behavior with interests in endocrinological, ethological, physiological, genetic/epigenetic, neurobiological, or pharmacological approaches. These methods may be applied to the study of human participants, or non-human animals in the wild, field-station sites, or domestic settings.

In addition to a strong research program, the position involves commitment to teaching biological/physiological approaches to psychology at the undergraduate and graduate level.

Please, note that this position cannot support on-campus laboratory animal housing or extensive wet lab space.

The Department of Psychology includes 34 active faculty and 26 emeriti members with thriving labs addressing basic and translational research problems across six sub-area specialties: Behavioral and Systems Neuroscience, Clinical Science, Cognition, Cognitive Neuroscience, Developmental, and Social-Personality Psychology. Further support is provided by the affiliation of our faculty with University research units, including the Helen Wills Neuroscience Institute and the Institute of Human Development and through faculty collaborations with researchers across the UC Berkeley campus and other institutions in the San Francisco Bay Area. Psychology has over 600 undergraduate majors and Department courses serve approximately 4000 students each semester.

The department is committed to addressing the family needs of faculty, including dual career couples and single parents. We are also interested in candidates who have had non-traditional career paths or who have taken time off for family reasons, or who have achieved excellence in careers outside academia. For information about potential relocation to Berkeley, or career needs of accompanying partners and spouses, please visit: <http://ofew.berkeley.edu/new-faculty>.

**Department:** <https://psychology.berkeley.edu/>

## QUALIFICATIONS

**Basic qualifications** (required at time of application)

Ph.D. or equivalent international degree, or enrolled in Ph.D. or equivalent international degree-granting program at the time of application.

**Preferred qualifications**

Postdoctoral experience is preferred.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

**Document requirements**

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- Curriculum Vitae - Your most recently updated C.V.
- Statement of Research - Please discuss research accomplishments and proposed plans. This can include, for example, your publication record, awards, presentations, inclusive research practices that promote the excellence of your research, and areas for future research.
- Statement of Teaching and Mentoring - 2 pages max. The teaching/mentoring statement should describe your experience, accomplishments and interests, as well as plans for the future in these areas. This can include, for example, summaries of your teaching evaluations, your teaching and mentoring philosophy, specific competencies, inclusive practices that foster learning, advancement and professional development in all students, how you create an inclusive and welcoming teaching environment for all, or a description of how you would design curriculum.
- Statement of Service - 1 page max. The service statement should describe any service roles or activities you have engaged in or plan to engage in, such as to the department, campus, professional organizations, and/or society at large. This could include, for example, participating in a professional organization's outreach activities, serving on committees that advance department, campus, or discipline goals, or participating in programs that support students from underrepresented groups.
- Sample Publication 1
- Sample Publication 2
- Sample Publication 3
- Facility and Equipment Need - Please provide a brief description of your facilities and equipment needs. Note that this position cannot support on-campus laboratory animal housing or extensive wet lab space.
- Authorization to Release Information Form - A reference check will be completed only if you are selected as the candidate to whom the hiring unit would like to extend a formal offer. Download, complete, sign, and upload the [Authorization to Release Information form](#).

### Reference requirements

- 3 letters of reference required

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In searches when letters of reference are required all letters will be treated as confidential per University of California policy and California state law. Please refer potential referees, including when letters are provided via a third party (i.e., dossier service or career center), to the [UC Berkeley statement of confidentiality](#) prior to submitting their letter.

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As a condition of employment, the finalist will be required to disclose if they are subject to any **final** administrative or judicial decisions within the last seven years determining that they committed any misconduct.

- "Misconduct" means any violation of the policies or laws governing conduct at the applicant's previous place of employment, including, but not limited to, violations of policies or laws prohibiting sexual harassment, sexual assault, or other forms of harassment or discrimination, as defined by the employer.
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- [UC Anti-Discrimination Policy](#)
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## JOB LOCATION

Berkeley, CA