



POST-DOCTORAL FELLOW

Department of Cognitive Science

POSITION SUMMARY

Occidental College invites applications for a one-year Post-Doctoral Fellow in Cognitive Science through the [Consortium for Faculty Diversity in the Liberal Arts](#) to promote diversity at our nationally recognized liberal arts college in Los Angeles, California. The Cognitive Science Department seeks someone whose research uses cognitive neuroscientific, empirical, and/or computational approaches to study cognition, broadly construed. Potential research areas within cognitive science include but are not limited to linguistics, cognitive anthropology, higher order cognition, cultural cognition, and embodied cognition.

SUMMARY OF DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND GOALS

Occidental College is a national liberal arts college recognized for its diverse student body, its commitment to academic excellence and equity, and its undergraduate research programs.

The mission of the College is to provide a gifted and diverse group of students with a total educational experience of the highest quality—one that prepares them for leadership in an increasingly complex, interdependent and pluralistic world. The distinctive interdisciplinary and multicultural focus of the College's academic program seeks to foster both the fulfillment of individual aspirations and a deeply rooted commitment to the public good.

Candidates must be committed to outstanding teaching and productive scholarly activity. We also highly value meaningfully engaging a diverse group of undergraduates in research when possible. In addition to further developing their own research program, the successful applicant will teach 3.5 courses within cognitive science, interact regularly with colleagues and students, and receive mentorship from department colleagues.

QUALIFICATIONS

Candidates must have a Ph.D. by the start date of August 2021.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Occidental College is a member of the [Consortium for Faculty Diversity in the Liberal Arts](#), which processes all applications for this opportunity via Interfolio. Please submit your application using this link: <https://apply.interfolio.com/76477>. By submitting your dossier to Interfolio, you also may be contacted by other liberal arts colleges about additional fellowship opportunities. The Consortium is committed to increasing the diversity of students, faculty members, and curricular offerings at liberal arts colleges with a particular focus on enhancing the diversity of faculty members and of applicants for faculty positions. The Consortium was founded as an association of liberal arts colleges committed to strengthening the ethnic diversity of students and of faculty members at liberal arts colleges. The early goals of the Consortium with regard to faculty diversity included encouraging U.S. citizens who are members of under-represented minority groups to complete their graduate programs and to consider faculty employment in liberal arts colleges.

Applications must include the following:

1. A cover letter explicitly addressing:
 - your commitment to academic excellence in a diverse liberal arts environment

- a brief discussion of your teaching philosophy and commitment to creating equitable opportunities for learning and mentoring, especially for underrepresented students
 - a discussion of your research program
2. A curriculum vitae
 3. Three letters of recommendation, with at least one discussing the candidate's teaching ability or potential. Please ensure that those named as references send their confidential recommendations through Interfolio.

Review of candidates will begin on January 15, 2021, and will continue until the position is filled.

Please direct any other questions to Aleksandra Sherman (asherman@oxy.edu), chair of the Cognitive Science Department.

Occidental College is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not unlawfully discriminate against employees or applicants on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, breastfeeding or related medical condition, national origin, ancestry, citizenship, age, marital status, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic characteristic or information, military and veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by State or Federal Law. We strongly encourage all underrepresented candidates, especially women and underrepresented persons of color, to apply.

We will consider for employment all qualified Applicants, including those with Criminal Histories, in a manner consistent with the requirements of applicable state and local laws, including the City of Los Angeles' Fair Chance Initiative for Hiring Ordinance.