



Research Specialist Position Available

The [Developmental Dynamics Lab](#) at the University of South Carolina is currently seeking a Research Specialist for a full-time two-year grant-funded position. This specialist will assist with a longitudinal NIH-funded research study focused on development in infants and toddlers with genetic conditions, including Down syndrome. Key responsibilities include conducting in-home assessments with families and their child with Down syndrome, as well as assisting with scheduling, data management, and scoring protocols. The specialist will be exposed to a variety of interdisciplinary methods, including standardized behavioral assessment, physiology, genetics, statistics, and kinematics.

The Research Specialist position includes:

- The opportunity to work closely with high-risk populations including Down syndrome development.
- Extensive training on commonly utilized developmental measures such as the Bayley Scales of Infant Development, communication measures including the Communication and Symbolic Behavior Scales, measures of motor development and neuromotor function, and kinematic and physiological measurement.
- Travel across the SE United States to conduct assessments (so the ability to travel and keep a flexible schedule are required).
- Opportunity to assist with literature reviews and collate data, allowing opportunity for authorship on papers and presentations.
- A stipend to attend one national conference of your choosing per year.
- A chance to gain experience in multiple project management responsibilities such as pre- and post-assessment processing of data, scoring reports, calculating reliability, and summarizing assessment results for dissemination to families.
- Paid vacation for staff holidays and vacation time, as listed on the USC Human Resources website.

The Research Specialist position is ideal for individuals who plan to pursue a graduate degree in psychology, human development, communication sciences and disorders, or related fields and would like to obtain research experience and training. Potential candidates should possess a keen attention to detail and excellent communication skills. Applicants must have a Bachelor's Degree and be able to commit to two years of employment, with the potential for extension beyond the second year.