

Mississippi State University, Department of Psychology, Assistant Professor

The Department of Psychology at Mississippi State University invites applications for a tenure-track assistant professor position in cognitive psychology/cognitive science, with a start date of August 16, 2027. We are particularly interested in candidates who can enhance our range of research expertise or build upon our existing strengths. For example, candidates who specialize in psycholinguistics, cognitive modeling, or neuroscience would be of particular interest, though researchers in any area of cognitive psychology/cognitive science are encouraged to apply. The successful candidate will serve as a core member of the cognitive science doctoral program and is expected to develop a robust, extramurally funded research program. Additional responsibilities include teaching undergraduate/graduate courses and supervising doctoral student research. The psychology department is in a newly renovated building with ample office and lab space. The university offers competitive startup packages and research support.

The department houses doctoral programs in both cognitive science and clinical psychology as well as a large undergraduate major (<http://www.psychology.msstate.edu>). Mississippi State University is the state's leading research university with several centers and institutes receptive to collaborative research, including HPC2 housing the 5th fastest high-performance computer in U.S. academia. Over the past three years, Psychology faculty have held awards from the NSF, NIH, CDC, SAMHSA and ONR, giving the department a research portfolio comparable in scale to our college's largest natural science departments. Mississippi State University is a land-grant R1 university located in Starkville, MS, which is one of the three cities making up the Golden Triangle region (population 128,000). The Golden Triangle is an ethnically rich community with a low cost of living, low crime rate, temperate climate, a nearby airport, and many available outdoor activities.

Interested applicants must apply online at <http://explore.msujobs.msstate.edu/cw/en-us/job/511071?IAApplicationSubSourceID=> and attach a cover letter; curriculum vitae; statements on research and teaching; up to three pre/reprints; and the complete contact information for at least three professional references. Applicants must have a Ph.D. in psychology, cognitive science, or a closely related field at the time of appointment. Review of applications will begin October 15, 2026, but applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Questions about the position can be directed to the search committee chair, Dr. Andrew Jarosz (afj62@msstate.edu).

Mississippi State University is an equal opportunity institution. Discrimination is prohibited in university employment, programs or activities based on race, color, ethnicity, sex, pregnancy, religion, national origin, disability, age, sexual orientation, genetic information, status as a U.S. veteran, or any other status to the extent protected by applicable law. We always welcome nominations and applications from women, members of any minority group, and others who share our passion for building a community that reflects the composition of our student population.