APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION INTO RESEARCH
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How to apply: Return this completed application to the Cognitive Evolution Group lab managers by email (cogevlabmanagers@umich.edu). We sometimes receive more applications than we can accept, so it is a good idea to apply two or three months before the semester starts.

What does it involve: A research experience in the Cognitive Evolution Group requires a commitment of approximately 10 hours per week in the lab. This typically takes the form of ~8-9 hours per week of research work plus required attendance at lab meetings, currently held on Mondays from 4-5:30PM.

Pathways to join: The most typical way for students to first join our lab is through enrolling in Psych 326 (or a related independent lab course). We require that students joining the lab through such a course enroll for 3 credits. We also accept new students through the UROP (Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program), either for credit or work study through UROP; those applications are administered through the UROP program.

Background for research: For students joining the lab through Psych 326, it is recommended that you take a course relevant to our work before joining the lab, which could mean a course on evolution and behavior (e.g., Psych 235), cognitive psychology (e.g., Psych 240), or in related fields such as bioanthropology or biology—discuss with us if you have questions about this. We welcome students from many majors including Psychology, BCN, Neuroscience, Anthropology, and EEB.

Continuing involvement: Students who have previously worked in our lab through Psych 326 (or UROP) for at least one semester, and are in good standing in terms of their research contributions to the group, are able to continue through several possible mechanisms in subsequent semesters, including: (1) enrolling in Psych 326 (can be taken multiple times); (2) work study appointments upon availability; and for more senior students (3) enrolling Psych 331 (for 4 credits; 331 also requires a weekly lecture/discussion section); or (4) completing an honors thesis. These opportunities can be discussed with Dr. Rosati for relevant students. In addition, we have periodic summer research opportunities for work at off-campus field sites.

What is the difference between Psych 331 and Psych 326? The Psychology department recommends that most students begin with Psych 326. Psych 326 meets the Group 2 lab requirement (experiential lab) for the BCN major, Psychology major, and Neuroscience major. Psych 331 meets the Group 1 lab requirement (methods-based lab) for the Biopsychology, Cognition and Neuroscience major (BCN), and for the Neuroscience major, or the Psychology major. Psych 331 also can be used for the Group 2 lab requirement (experiential lab) for each major. Psych 331 usually also meets the LSA upper level writing requirement (you should double-check this for your particular semester).

1. *Name:* _____

2. *UM Student Number (middle eight digits on front of MCard):* _____

3. *UM unique name:*_____

4. *Year:* First year _____ ; Sophomore _____; Junior _____; Senior _____

5. *Phone number* where you can be reached: _____

6. *E-Mail Address:* _____

7. *Major (or intended major):* _____

8. *Overall GPA:* _____

9. *Relevant course background:*

List any *Biopsychology* and/or *Cognition & Cognitive Neuroscience* courses in the Psychology Department that you have taken (or will take concurrently) in the space below.

List any other courses you have taken in the *Psychology Department*:

List any courses you have taken in *Anthropology, EEB and/or Biology:*

List any courses you have taken in *Statistics, Mathematics and/or Economics:*

List any other courses you think are relevant:

Please answer the questions below.

8. Briefly describe why you want to get involved in research. Why do you want to join this particular lab?

9. Briefly describe your future plans (e.g., career, medical school, graduate school, or other goals), and how you think this course relates to your goals.

10. Are you applying to any other research labs for the same semester? If so, is this lab your first-choice or second-choice or third-choice in priority?

Signature (typed e-signature is ok)   Date

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