

Position Opening: Postdoctoral Scholar at Michigan State University (remote OK)

Drs. Bradley E. Cox and Brett Ranon Nachman are seeking a postdoctoral scholar to join their Spencer Foundation-funded project on autistic college student success. [Project PEACES](#) – Postsecondary Education: Autistic Collegians' Experiences of Success – is the largest-ever national study of autistic undergraduate college students.

The team is seeking a postdoctoral scholar who will help coordinate daily project operations, support data collection and analytical efforts, and contribute to the development of presentations and publications.

Full consideration will be provided to all applications received on or before Feb 8.

The position could be handled remotely. This position is for one year, with second-year possible depending on performance.

Responsibilities

- **Project Management and Development**
 - Collaborate with a multi-disciplinary, multi-institutional team of scholars, practitioners, graduate students, and self-advocates
 - Identify and contribute to future grant applications
 - Coordinate research team meetings and task management system
 - Help mentor graduate students and/or other emerging scholars working with project data
 - Lead development of process to make project data publicly accessible for other researchers
- **Data Collection and Analyses**
 - Contribute to survey instrument development, interview protocols, and other data collection tools
 - Recruit participants across a variety of platforms (college support programs, social media, autism-related organizations)
 - Coordinate qualitative data collection for interviews and photo-elicitation activity (e.g. participant identification, communication, scheduling)
 - Conduct one-on-one Zoom interviews with autistic college students
 - Clean, organize, and manage confidential datasets
 - Qualitative Analyses (primarily): coding and interpreting interview transcripts, photo-elicitation responses, and open-ended responses to survey questions
 - Quantitative and Mixed/Integrated Analyses (secondarily, as needed): summarize survey responses, assess overarching project conclusions
- **Dissemination**
 - Author manuscripts for publication at top-tier journals
 - Write short briefs and reports to share findings with various stakeholder groups
 - Develop and deliver academic conference presentations (position includes an annual travel allowance)

To Apply

Submit the following required components via <https://bit.ly/3SxfblW>:

1. Curriculum vitae
2. One- to two-page cover letter that summarizes the applicant's: interest in autism/higher education research; qualifications for the position; experiences with mixed-methods, qualitative research, and/or project management; potential contributions to this project.
3. One writing sample: preferable a manuscript previously published or under review, with brief note indicating the role you played in the study/manuscript; if such a manuscript is not available, please submit a high-quality course research paper
4. Three professional or academic references (names, titles, phone numbers, email addresses, and the applicant's relationship to them)

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If you have any questions about the position, please email the Brad Cox (PI; bradcox@msu.edu) or Brett Ranon Nachman (Co-PI; bnachman@uark.edu)

Minimum Requirements

- PhD in field relevant to project's topical foci (preferably completed by end of Spring, 2024 semester; no later than summer of 2024)
- Evidence of successful collaboration as part of a research team
- Experience with data collection and analysis (especially qualitative or mixed methods)
- Strong oral, written, and interpersonal communication
- Self-motivated and driven
- Well-organized and detail-oriented

Desired Qualifications

- Degree in higher education, educational leadership, educational psychology, disability studies, or related fields
- Formal coursework and/or research experience related to disability/autism and higher education
- Technological competence with tools used for data collection (e.g., Qualtrics), analyses (e.g., Dedoose), and project management (e.g., Asana)
- A record of scholarly publications
- Experience mentoring junior scholars
- Engagement with mixed-methods research