Full time Project Coordinator position

The Aphasia Research Center at the University of Maryland (http://aphasia.umd.edu/) is hiring a full-time BA/BS-level faculty assistant (research coordinator) to support research on language assessment in bilingual English-Spanish speakers who are stroke-survivors with language and cognitive impairments. The position is available immediately and will continue for two years. The position is funded by a grant from the National Institutes of Health to Dr. Yasmeen Faroqi-Shah (https://hesp.umd.edu/facultyprofile/faroqi-shah/yasmeen)

The Aphasia Research Center focuses on improving communication outcomes for individuals whose ability to speak has been impacted by brain injury, a condition called aphasia. We are specifically interested in sentence production and word retrieval abilities and their breakdown in aphasia, language learning and training-induced neural plasticity, and their interaction with bilingualism and cognitive mechanisms. Opportunities for further enrichment are available through interactions with other language science researchers at the University of Maryland campus, a unique environment with a highly active research community (hesp.umd.edu, languagescience.umd.edu).

With appropriate training and supervision, the successful candidate will:
- help design and conduct bilingual assessments in English and Spanish for English-Spanish speakers
- administer standardized assessments of cognitive and language function to patients and to neurologically intact individuals
- recruit bilingual English-Spanish speakers through networking and outreach to communities with such speakers, including local and out-of-town locations.
- manage, process, and analyze data
- oversee the overall project and maintain effective communication with other team members
- participate in other aspects of research and lab operation as required

A bachelor’s degree is required for this position. Applicants should be able to proficiently speak, read, and write English and Spanish. Preference will be given to candidates who have prior human subjects research experience and an academic background in speech and hearing sciences, psychology, linguistics, second language acquisition, and/or education. Other qualifications include:
- evidence of excellent organizational and communication skills
- demonstration of willingness and ability to flexibly learn new techniques in a dynamic environment
- ability to travel locally for outreach and data-collection

We are committed to enhancing, diversity, equity, and inclusion in science. We encourage individuals from backgrounds that are traditionally under-represented in science to apply for this position. Our commitment to equity is woven into the focus of this project, which seeks to develop language assessments for persons who are not native speakers of English. The University of Maryland is an equal opportunity employer. Apply at https://ejobs.umd.edu/postings/85613 with 1) a cover letter including a brief description of your qualifications including where applicable, prior relevant research experience (including details of performance in prior research roles, if applicable). Applicants are encouraged to share their own commitment to diversity and inclusion in their cover letter. 2) resume (list relevant coursework), and 3) at least two letters of reference. Direct questions to Dr. Yasmeen Faroqi-Shah at yfshah@umd.edu. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.