

Autism – Presume Competence



HUSSMAN INSTITUTE FOR AUTISM

Advancing Discovery

Embracing Differences

Enabling Communication

Presuming Ability

The Hussman Institute for Autism is a new independent nonprofit research organization dedicated to improving the lives of individuals with autism. The Institute is founded on principles that emphasize the presumption of competence, the primacy of naturalistic and inclusive settings, and the importance of evidence-based approaches to support and empower individuals with autism across the lifespan.

With 42,000 square feet combining research and teaching space with state-of-the-art neuroscience laboratories, located adjacent to the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) campus, the Institute's combined focus on both translational neuroscience and evidence-based supports aims to advance the understanding of the causes and neurological basis of autism, expand therapeutic avenues, develop positive and naturalistic interventions, create model programs, and provide resources for families and schools to improve communication, inclusion, ability, and independence.

Major areas of instructional research and program development include: naturalistic teaching approaches; alternative and assistive communication; verbal communication and literacy; sensory, environmental, and curricular adaptations within inclusive school and community settings; movement, praxis, and initiation; best practices to foster social interaction and community participation; and adult housing, employment, and transition supports.

Research Faculty Positions – Now Accepting Applications

We are looking for faculty who presume that people across the entire autism spectrum have thoughtful intelligence and the desire for social interaction and acceptance – even if the skill to demonstrate these has not yet developed. We are building a team of creative researchers, relentless problem-solvers, and idealistic advocates, all who believe that these qualities are compatible with valid, well-designed, peer-reviewed research.

Research positions at the early/mid- and senior- career levels are available in fields including naturalistic instruction, communication, inclusion, and adult transition. Start dates are available beginning in Q1 2014. Research activities are expected to contribute to the Institute's translational mission of advancing discovery, interventions, and improved quality of life for individuals and families affected by autism. The Institute encourages collaborations both within the Institute and externally with investigators at other institutions. Researchers may also apply for funding from internal resources to supplement extramural grants. Competitive salary, benefits and start-up funds are offered commensurate with experience and relevance to the research focus of the Institute.

To Apply:

Go to the institute website: <http://www.hussmanautism.org> and click on the *Careers* link for faculty job descriptions. Online applications only at: careers@hussmanautism.org

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