

**Postdoctoral Associate Position**  
**STE[A]M Broadening Participation, Retention, and Persistence Initiative**  
**Application Deadline: September 11, 2026**

Dr. Luis M. Rivera, Professor of Psychology and Vice Provost for Academic Innovation at Rutgers University-Newark, is accepting applications for a Postdoctoral Associate position. The Postdoctoral Associate will be mainly responsible for contributing to Rutgers-Newark's STE[A]M initiative. The Postdoctoral Associate will support programming; conduct original research, including meta-analytic reviews, study design, and data collection, analysis, and interpretation; prepare scientific manuscripts for publication; and present research findings at professional conferences. The Postdoctoral Associate will also have opportunities to receive training in a social cognition laboratory ([RISC Lab](#)) and collaborate with STE[A]M faculty across Rutgers University-Newark. Additional responsibilities may include mentoring and collaborating with graduate and undergraduate student researchers.

**Qualifications and Benefits**

Minimum qualifications include a Ph.D. in psychology, sociology, education, or a related field. Excellent scientific writing skills are required, in addition to strong methodological and statistical modeling skills; excellent organizational, interpersonal, and communication skills; strong attention to detail; and the ability to work both independently and collaboratively while managing multiple projects and deadlines. Experience with data collection platforms, large datasets, and programming and statistical software, such as Qualtrics and R, is highly desirable.

The Postdoctoral Associate will receive a competitive salary (consistent with the Rutgers-AAUP-AFT Postdoctoral Associate collective bargaining agreement), comprehensive health insurance benefits, tax-advantaged savings plans, and funding to support professional travel and career development. The Postdoctoral Associate will also benefit from access to vibrant academic communities and resources across Rutgers University-Newark and Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. The Postdoctoral Associate will participate in regular initiative and research meetings and professional development activities designed to support the career advancement of emerging scholars.

**Application**

Applicants should submit: (1) a cover letter briefly describing their scholarly accomplishments, methodological expertise, and reasons for applying to the Postdoctoral Associate position (no more than 1 page), (2) a statement of research interests and accomplishments (no more than 3 pages), and (3) a CV that includes contact information for three professional references. Letters of recommendation are not required at the time of application but will be requested from shortlisted candidates.

To ensure full consideration, applications should be submitted by Friday, September 11, 2026. The target start semester is fall 2026. Applicants should submit their materials through the Rutgers Employment Opportunities website, <https://jobs.rutgers.edu/postings/279500>. In addition, applicants should email a single PDF file containing all application materials to Dr. Luis M. Rivera at [luis@psychology.rutgers.edu](mailto:luis@psychology.rutgers.edu).