Post-doc in infant cognition and the psychology of language

The Département d'Etudes Cognitives at the Ecole Normale Supérieure in Paris invites applications for a postdoctoral fellowship to work with Brent Strickland and Sharon Peperkamp in the field of "core cognition" (i.e. early emerging and potentially universal conceptual representations, such as animacy) and its relationship to cross-linguistically common grammatical structures (e.g. grammatical marking of animacy).

We are looking for a young researcher with a background in infant cognition, language acquisition, experimental linguistics, and/or cognitive psychology. The successful candidate will have prior experience with infant (or child) research, and be able to work independently in a dynamic, interactive environment.

A completed PhD is a prerequisite. Excellent academic writing skills are essential, and programming skills are strongly preferred. For projects involving infant studies, Although scientific interactions in the department are in English, knowledge of conversational French is a plus (though not absolutely essential) for the interactions with infants' parents.

The appointment is for one year or two years. Salary will be set according to the French pay scale for postdoctoral researchers.

Applications should include:

- (i) a CV;
- (ii) a cover letter describing research interests;
- (iii) examples of published journal articles;
- (iv) the names and contact details of two referees;

Application materials should be sent electronically (pdf-format only) to brent.strickland@ens.fr

and <u>sharon.peperkamp@ens.fr</u>. For fullest consideration, all materials should be received by April, 1 2017; however, we will consider applications until the position is filled. The successful candidate must start no later than January 1st 2018.

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