



USC University of
Southern California

Research Associate, Senior Job Description

JOB INFORMATION

Job Code:	098060
Job Title:	Research Associate, Senior
FLSA Status:	Exempt
Supervisory:	Leads one or more employees performing similar work.
Job Family:	Research - Science
Job Family Group:	Research and Clinical Support
Management Level:	7 Individual Contributor

JOB SUMMARY

Serves as a senior researcher with expertise in field. Plans, designs and conducts highly technical and complex research projects independently and in consultation with supervisor, which require the regular use of ingenuity and innovation. May contribute to the development of new concepts, techniques and standards. Analyzes research data and provides interpretations. Contributes to the development of research documentation for publication and/or prepares technical reports, papers and/or records. Develops solutions to complex research problems. Provides leadership, direction and guidance to staff and/or student workers as needed.

JOB QUALIFICATIONS:

Education

Req	Pref	Degree	Field of Study
X		Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)	

Additional Education

Check here if experience may substitute for some of the above education.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Combined experience/education as substitute for minimum education
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Work Experience

Req	Pref	Work Experience	Experience Level
X		3 years	

Additional Work Experience

Check here if education may substitute for some of the above work experience.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

Req	Pref	Functional Skills
X		Directly related education and experience in research specialization with advanced knowledge of equipment, procedures, analysis methods, principles, theories and concepts.

Other Job Factors

JOB ACCOUNTABILITIES

	% Time	Essential	Marginal	N/A
Serves as a senior researcher with expertise in field. Plans, designs and conducts highly technical and complex research projects independently and in consultation with supervisor, which require the regular use of ingenuity and innovation. May contribute to the development of new concepts, techniques and standards. Exercises considerable latitude in determining research objectives and approaches.				
Identifies, researches, compiles and evaluates data sources, background information and/or technology related to area of specialization.				
Analyzes and evaluates research data utilizing computers and provides interpretations requiring significant knowledge of a specialized area of research. Searches literature, utilizing all available resources including electronic, regarding new methodology and designs experiments accordingly.				
Develops solutions to complex research problems, which require the regular use of ingenuity and innovation. Ensures solutions are consistent with research objectives.				
Contributes to the development of research documentation for publication and/or prepares technical reports, papers and/or records.				
Operates and maintains sophisticated laboratory/scientific equipment.				
Provides leadership, direction and guidance to staff and/or student workers regarding procedures, techniques and use of equipment as needed.				

Other Requirements

<i>Essential:</i>	<i>Emergency Response/Recovery</i>	<i>Essential:</i>	<i>Mandated Reporter</i>
	In the event of an emergency, the employee holding this position is required to "report to duty" in accordance with the university's Emergency Operations Plan and/or the employee's department's emergency response and/or recovery plans. Familiarity with those plans and regular training to implement those plans is required. During or immediately following an emergency, the employee will be notified to assist in the emergency response efforts, and mobilize other staff members if needed.		A mandated reporter who in his or her professional capacity has knowledge of, or reasonably suspects a person who is under the age of 18 years, elderly, or a dependent adult has been the victim of abuse or neglect must report the suspected incident. The reporter must contact a designated agency immediately or as soon as practically possible by telephone or in writing within 36 hours. By virtue of the associated job duties, this position qualifies as a mandated reporter as required by state law and USC's policy at: https://policy.usc.edu/mandated-reporters/
<i>Campus Security Authority (CSA)</i>			<i>Essential:</i>
By virtue of the associated job duties, this position qualifies as a Campus Security Authority as required by law and USC's policy at: https://dps.usc.edu/alerts/clery/			No

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The above statements reflect the essential and non-essential functions as necessary to describe the principle contents of the job. They are not intended to be a complete statement of all work requirements or duties that may be required of the position. I understand that I may be asked to perform other duties as assigned. USC reserves the right to add or change duties at any time.

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I acknowledge receipt of this job description and its associated physical requirements. I have read and understand the job description and job requirements and agree to abide by their contents. I realize that duties may be requested of me that are not specifically stated herein. I understand that I will be expected to adjust to potential fluctuations in work volume. I understand that, if I have any questions about the essential functions or expectations of my position, my supervisor and/or HR partner are available to discuss them with me.

Print Employee Name

Signature

Date

Print Manager Name

Signature

Date

This job description describes the general nature and level of work required by the position. It is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of qualifications, skills, duties, responsibilities or working conditions of the job. The job description is subject to change with or without notice, and Management reserves the right to add, modify or remove any qualification or duty. Nothing in this job description changes the existing at-will employment relationship between the university and the employee occupying the position.