Project Implicit Scientific Advisory Committee
New Member Recruitment

Project Implicit is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and international collaborative of researchers who are interested in implicit social cognition. The mission of Project Implicit is to educate the public about bias and to provide a “virtual laboratory” for collecting data on the Internet. Project Implicit scientists produce high-impact research that informs our scientific knowledge about bias and disparities.

Since its launch in 1998, Project Implicit has collected data from more than 50 million participants. These data have been used in dozens of scientific publications on bias, stereotyping, and discrimination. In recognition of these contributions to social psychology and public education, Project Implicit was the recipient of the 2021 Service to the Field Award from the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP).

The Project Implicit Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) is looking to recruit new members for initial one-year terms starting on July 1, 2021 (and renewable afterwards). The main responsibility of the SAC is to provide guidance to Project Implicit in fulfilling its mission to support scientific research and education on implicit social cognition through the Research, Demonstration, and International websites (http://implicit.harvard.edu/).

Members of the SAC are granted access to the Project Implicit Research website where they can collect data from volunteer participants for their own projects involving implicit social cognition. On average, 30,000 to 40,000 participants complete studies every month across the Project Implicit Research website. As a general rule, studies (a) must use an implicit measure, (b) cannot be longer than 15 minutes, and (c) must reach a retention rate of at least 60 percent after 200 participants recruited. The suitability of each study for the Project Implicit Research website is evaluated by a member of the SAC.

Specific tasks conducted by SAC members include (a) cleaning and making data collected on the Project Implicit websites available to the public; (b) updating the standard and featured tasks on the Demonstration website; (c) ensuring IRB compliance
and compliance with GDPR guidelines (where applicable); (d) reviewing studies posted on the Research website for educational value and user friendliness; and (e) overseeing the international network of collaborators maintaining the International websites.

New members of the SAC are expected to:
● Hold a PhD in social psychology by September 2021, with expertise in social cognition and/or prejudice, stereotyping, and discrimination;
● Attend the biweekly regular meetings of the SAC, conducted over Zoom;
● Contribute an average of at least 14 hours of their time (or time of their lab members if applicable) each month to the SAC;
● Commit to an initial trial period of one year as SAC member, after which they can reevaluate their commitment to serving on the SAC. After completion of the trial period, new members may be reappointed for a full term of 3 years (and subsequent 3-year terms afterwards).

As a group, the SAC is committed to promoting the values of diversity, intellectual openness, and equity. As such, priority will be given to applications from members of groups currently underrepresented in academic leadership roles in the United States and around the world, including women, individuals of color, members of the LGBTQ+ community, and individuals with disabilities. In addition, we are looking to diversify our group in terms of career stage post-PhD, expertise (with special regard to expertise in implicit measures beyond the IAT and bias more generally), and academic lineage.

If you are interested in joining the SAC, please send a cover letter and a current CV to SAC member Benedek Kurdi (benedek.kurdi@yale.edu) by March 1, 2021. The cover letter should consist of a few paragraphs (up to 1 page) outlining (a) your relevant personal and professional experience, (b) how you would contribute to the SAC, and (c) any ideas that you may have for new projects or changes that could be implemented at Project Implicit.

Please feel free to send a message to the same email address if you have any questions about the position or Project Implicit more generally. You can learn more about Project Implicit here and here.