

Department of Psychology: Assistant Professor in Social Psychology

Job Title: Assistant Professor – Social Psychology

Salary Range: \$80,000-\$90,000

Benefits Information: <https://www.luc.edu/hr/benefits/>

Background: The Department of Psychology in the College of Arts and Sciences at Loyola University Chicago seeks qualified candidates for an appointment as Assistant Professor beginning Fall 2026. The Department of Psychology currently has 36 faculty (24 tenured or tenure-track and 12 non-tenure track) and offers rigorous, empirically grounded training in psychology at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. At the undergraduate level, our department serves 1,200 undergraduate psychology majors plus more than 600 neuroscience majors. At the graduate level, we offer specialized training in applied social, clinical, and developmental psychology. The Department of Psychology is dedicated to mentoring a diverse student body, many of whom come from underrepresented and underserved populations. For more information about the department, please visit its website at <https://www.luc.edu/psychology/>

We welcome candidates with strong research and teaching profiles whose scholarship advances an understanding of the psychological processes that create, connect to, and stem from systemic inequalities in society. Although we are open to all areas of expertise within social psychology, candidates whose research complements our existing faculty are especially encouraged to apply. We are interested in someone who uses social psychological principles and research to understand and solve real-world social problems, focusing on creating interventions, developing programs, and informing policies. Welcome areas of application include health, discrimination, the environment, organizations, and education, including applied research on race/ethnicity, socioeconomic status, or immigration. Applicants with expertise in advanced statistical techniques are encouraged to apply.

This search is part of a College-wide, multiyear hiring initiative designed to hire outstanding researchers and teachers who are prepared to contribute to a culture of inclusion, committed to interdisciplinarity, dedicated to the pursuit of external grants, and appreciative of a Jesuit, Catholic education.

Background and Responsibilities: The successful candidate will be expected to contribute to the Applied Social Psychology PhD program, and to teach one or more undergraduate courses—*Understanding Prejudice, Understanding Bias and Inclusivity, Social Psychology, Research methods, Statistics*—and one or more graduate courses in, for example, *Prejudice and Intergroup Relations, Advanced Graduate Statistics*, and other social seminars. The successful



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candidate will pursue a strong program of scholarship, have the potential to secure external grant funding to support that research, and engage in service at the department level or above.

Minimum Qualifications: The candidate will have a PhD in Social Psychology at the time of appointment. Candidates for the position must clearly demonstrate the potential for excellence in research and teaching and have a record of (or clear potential for) distinguished scholarship, grant-funded research, and student mentorship. The candidate must be willing to support the mission of Loyola University Chicago and the goals of a Jesuit Catholic Education.

Special Instructions to Applicants: Applicants should submit to <https://www.careers.luc.edu/postings/34150> (1) a letter of interest; (2) a current *Curriculum Vitae*; (3) a statement outlining the applicant's research agenda; (4) a statement on teaching philosophy and experience; (5) a statement addressing past or potential contributions to mentoring a diverse student body and engaging a diverse community through teaching, scholarship, and service; and (6) the names and email addresses of three individuals prepared to provide letters of recommendation (letter writers will receive an electronic prompt asking them to submit their letters). Candidates may also upload additional materials related to teaching excellence and samples of scholarly publications.

Please direct inquiries to:

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Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Applications received before **December 8th, 2025** will receive full consideration.

As a Jesuit, Catholic institution of higher education, we seek candidates who will contribute to our strategic plan to deliver a Transformative Education in the Jesuit tradition. To learn more about Loyola University Chicago's mission, candidates should consult our website at www.luc.edu/mission/. For information about the university's focus on transformative education, they should consult our website at www.luc.edu/transformativeed.

Founded in 1870, Loyola University Chicago is one of the nation's largest Jesuit, Catholic universities, recognized for its academic excellence, commitment to community engagement,



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and leadership in sustainability. A Carnegie R1 research institution, Loyola leverages its status as one of an elite group of universities with the highest level of research activity to advance knowledge that serves communities and creates global impact. With **15 schools, colleges, and institutes**—including Business, Law, Medicine, Nursing, and Health Sciences—Loyola operates three primary campuses in the greater Chicago area and one in Rome, Italy, that provide students a transformative, globally connected learning experience. Consistently ranked among the nation’s top universities by U.S. News & World Report, Loyola is a STARS Gold-rated institution that is ranked as one of the country’s most sustainable campuses by The Princeton Review and has earned distinctions from AmeriCorps and the Carnegie Foundation for its longstanding record of service and community engagement. Guided by its Jesuit mission and commitment to caring for the whole person, Loyola educates ethical leaders who think critically, act with purpose, and strive to create a more just and sustainable world.

Loyola adheres to all applicable federal, state, and/or local civil rights laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination in private institutions of higher education. Please see the **University’s Nondiscrimination Policy**.