The Mind and Society Center (http://dornsife.usc.edu/mindandsociety) co-directed by Professor Daphna Oyserman, at the University of Southern California, is seeking applications for a 2-year Post-Doctoral Research Associate beginning in November/December 2017 (two year postdoc broken into two one year segments, with opportunity for renewal at one year mark assuming excellent performance and availability of funding).

POSITION DESCRIPTION. The postdoc will work closely with Dr. Oyserman on projects funded by IES (Institute for Educational Studies), i3 (Investing in Innovation) and NIH, examining the consequences of an intervention to improve students identity-based motivation on their academic performance as part of the Pathways to Success program. Our team has developed an array of innovative technologies, including two different digital platforms, one for in school and one for outside-of-school settings to develop sustainable scalable versions of the intervention. We are launching the interventions now. In collaboration with Dr. Oyserman and the research teams, the postdoc will analyze results and write up manuscripts and grant proposals stemming from these projects.

QUALIFICATIONS. Competitive candidates will have: a PhD in psychology or a related discipline by the time of appointment; a strong track record of research and interest in topics such as motivation, self, academic outcomes, intervention and excellent quantitative statistical skills --preferably experience with big data analyses and large complex data sets and analyses of randomized trials including data analytics to examine possible mediators of effectiveness as well as excellent manuscript and emerging grant writing skills.

This is an ideal position for a new PhD looking to spend their time strengthening their research portfolio and publishing peer-reviewed articles with close mentoring from the PI. The postdoc will have many opportunities to practice other skills such as presenting and networking at national and international conferences in order to prepare for an independent career. In addition to collaborating on the funded projects mentioned above, the successful candidate will also have the opportunity to work on other projects, and to write new grants in collaboration with the PI.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS. Please submit the following materials to Dr. Eryn Newman by email (mailto: erynnewm@usc.edu): a cover letter; CV; a 2-3 page personal/research statement containing biographic information, relevant research experience, and career goals; up to three sample publications; and the contact details of three referees. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled.

Please direct inquiries to Dr. Oyserman by email (mailto: oyserman@usc.edu).

The University of Southern California is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer of women, minorities, protected veterans and individuals with disabilities and encourages applications from these and other protected group members.