

Assistant Specialist - Department of Electrical Engineering
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Job Title	Assistant Specialist - Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Department	Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Institution	University of California Berkeley Berkeley, California
Date Posted	Sep. 8, 2025
Application Deadline	10/05/2025
Position Start Date	Available immediately
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Position overview

Salary range: The posted UC academic salary scales set the minimum pay determined by rank and/or step at appointment. See the following table for the salary scale for this position

https://www.ucop.edu/academic-personnel-programs/_files/2025-26/represented-july-2025-scales/t24-b.pdf. The current full time base salary for this position is \$63,500 - \$70,700 annually. Off-scale salaries' which yield compensation that is higher than the published system-wide salary at the designated rank and step, are offered when necessary to meet competitive conditions.

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Percent time: 100%

Anticipated start: October, 2025

Position duration: This is a 12 month position with possibility of an extension depending on performance and availability of funding.

Application Window

Open date: September 4, 2025

Next review date: Friday, Sep 19, 2025 at 11:59pm (Pacific Time)

Apply by this date to ensure full consideration by the committee.

Final date: Sunday, Oct 5, 2025 at 11:59pm (Pacific Time)

Applications will continue to be accepted until this date, but those received after the review date will only be considered if the position has not yet been filled.

Position description

CHAI is a research group based in UC Berkeley's Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. Artificial intelligence research is concerned with the design of machines capable of intelligent behavior, i.e., behavior likely to be successful in achieving objectives. This raises a problem of control: given that the solutions developed by such systems are intrinsically unpredictable by humans, it may occur that some of such solutions result in negative and perhaps irreversible outcomes for humans. CHAI's goal is to ensure that this eventuality cannot arise.

This position will assist in research for a book on extinction risk from artificial intelligence. As the book features discussions of many scientific topics, historical topics, and current events, the employee will be required to carefully review the literature on a large variety of scientific topics to surface important findings for inclusion in the manuscript, and to do historical research including finding relevant primary sources, and to do journalistic research into current and recent events. The employee will also be required to assist in fact checking and recruiting feedback on sections of the manuscript. The employee is expected to use AI research tools effectively, such as o3 deep research, while independently checking all claims from AI tools.

union: <https://ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu/resources/employment-policies-contracts/bargaining-units/academic-researchers/contract/>

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Qualifications

Basic qualifications (required at time of application)

Bachelors or equivalent international degree.

Preferred qualifications

1. Be able to understand technical computer science research.
2. Have experience with science communication.
3. Have an interest in historical research and policy research.

Candidates will ideally have some familiarity with the literature in the field of AI alignment.

Application Requirements

Document requirements

- Curriculum Vitae - Your most recently updated C.V.
- Cover Letter (Optional)
- Research Statement - Please discuss research accomplishments and proposed plans. This can include, for example, your publication record, awards, presentations, inclusive research practices that promote the excellence of your research, and areas for future research.
(Optional)
- Graduation Transcript

Reference requirements

- 2 required (contact information only)

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