Dr. Baillargeon's research focuses on early conceptual development in four core domains: physical, psychological, biological, and sociomoral reasoning. Research Assistants get hands-on experience running experiments with infants and are a vital part of the lab’s operation.

We are currently looking for students who would be interested in working during the Summer Session II and/or Fall 2019 semesters. If interested, please add your name and e-mail to the sign-up sheet or e-mail the Lab Coordinator.

Students are trained to act either as experimenters or as observers during the experiments; they work the same position for the entire semester, but they may request experience in other positions during subsequent semesters. Research Assistants also help with other aspects of lab operations, including playing with children, coding videos, sending mail, and calling parents to confirm appointments.

The first semester a student works in the lab, s/he will receive Psych 290 credit; if invited back, s/he may elect to receive credit or hourly pay during subsequent semesters. Students working for Psych 290 credit receive 3 hours of credit for working two 3-hour shifts per week. Students who are invited back as paid Research Assistants must work a minimum of two 3-hour shifts per week, but they may request more. Shifts are assigned according to students’ class schedules and available openings. The shift times are Monday through Thursday from 9:00-12:00, 12:30-3:30, and 3:30–6:30 and Friday from 9:00-12:00.

If you are interested in working in the lab or have any questions, please contact the Lab Coordinator, Jaclyn Aldridge, at danowitz@illinois.edu.