Dear Professor Diana ,

Hello Professor Diana, thanks for reading this email, I am Chi-Lin Yu, an undergraduate student from Department of Psychology of National Cheng Kung University in Taiwan.

As an ambitious researcher, I have extraordinary interest in the topic of social cognition, especially using Neuroimaging methods and investigating from social cognitive neuroscience perspective. Because of my interests, I have read several articles from your LAB and Professor Mitchell’s LAB, and I am really fascinated with the experiments and articles you provided. Your articles inspired me, so I have already learned a lot in this domain and even submitted an fMRI article discussing the ability of mentalizing. Although I am an undergraduate student, I have ambitions to contribute to the social cognitive neuroscience domain and propose a grand theory for explaining our mind processing. I have prepared myself from both behavioral experiment domain and Neuroimaging domain, and I think my persistent and enthusiasm will help me become the great PhD student and best researcher in the future. Your team is my dream place to continue learning, and also the unparalleled place in the world to establish the grand theory of social processing. I think I have already prepared myself to become a contributive researcher, but I would still like to know, what kind of background knowledge and abilities should I prepare now for applying for a PhD student position in your LAB? Furthermore, could you kindly let me know that, will you accept PhD students in 2017 Fall? Because your LAB is my dream team, I would like to know that whether I should apply this year (2017 Fall) or wait for one more year. The attached file is my CV, and if there is anything I should learn to increase the “fitness” to your LAB or any suggestion for me to prepare myself, please kindly let me know, I will be more than happy to hear that and even become an advanced researcher!

Thanks for your attention on the mail, and your advices and replies are highly appreciated!

Sincerely,

Chi Lin