

Welcome!

We are glad to have you with us. Over the course of this year, you will gain important practical skills required to conduct research in developmental psychology, and you will also have the opportunity to deepen your theoretical knowledge of the field.

The following are a list of the duties expected of you. You will receive extensive training for each task before you are asked to perform it yourself. The lab coordinator and graduate students will direct your work, and are always available if you have questions. If you are interested in taking on new tasks, and/or becoming more involved with the theoretical work in the lab, just let us know.

ACTIVITIES

Calling All of our research depends on bringing children into the lab, so you will spend half your hours calling to schedule participants.

Recruitment To ensure the availability of participants, you will work at two (2) recruiting events during the semester (2-3 hours each, often on weekends). Also, you will be assigned spots in the city to post flyers on a regular basis.

Running studies Our goal is for you to begin working directly with child participants as soon as you have demonstrated the necessary competencies.

Lab organization You will help maintain the detailed record-keeping required both by our research, and by the organizational needs of a project with so many people involved.

Meetings You will meet regularly with all members of the lab (RAs, graduate students, and professor) to evaluate progress, make plans, and discuss practical and theoretical issues relevant to our work. Your active participation is expected.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Punctuality Your schedule of ten weekly hours will be set at the beginning of the semester: you are expected to arrive punctually each day and complete the scheduled time. In case of an emergency that will prevent you from coming, you must contact the lab by email and phone immediately. If you leave a message, follow up.

Communication Since many others depend upon your work, you need to leave a clear record of progress each day when you leave the lab, and communicate any problems immediately to the Coordinator. Your prompt reply to email and messages on the lab wiki is appreciated.

I have read the above, and understand that receiving research credit for the semester depends upon my successful completion of the obligations listed.

Signed: _____ Date: _____