Research Assistant Position in the Psychophysiology of Sleep & Emotion

Lab: Stanford Psychophysiology Laboratory (Prof James Gross)
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Research group director and supervisor: Sylvia Kreibig, PhD

Project description: You will be working in a team of research assistants on a psychophysiology research project on emotion regulation. Main responsibilities will revolve around data collection, including subject recruitment, scheduling, and conducting of experiment sessions. Additional responsibilities include data quality insurance, data organization, and data storage.

This research assistant position offers a comprehensive data collection experience, involving lab-based assessment of self-report, behavioral, and physiological measures as well as home-based measurement of sleep, physical activity, and daily emotion. This position may be used as a stepping-stone to enter neuroscience and/or clinical psychology graduate programs.

Duties of the position: A great research assistant is integral to a great study. For one, it is extremely important that you are responsible. As an RA you will be in charge of all participant interactions, which includes: posting time slots, sending out confirmation emails, responding to participant questions or concerns, and applying credits and/or handing out monetary payments. You will also be responsible for keeping the calendar for room scheduling up to date and to stay in contact with other RAs in the lab to work out potential scheduling conflicts. You will be in charge of the money needed for paid participants. You will be keeping track of payment logs, storing money, as well as paying participants the correct amount. Secondly, it is important that you be prompt and flexible. You always want to be on time to experiments, lab meetings, and any additional lab events. It is a great inconvenience to participants who may have to wait for your arrival, and any mounting frustrations could jeopardize their data. Many different RAs are running experiments within the lab, and often times working around everyone's schedules can be tricky. It will be important that you are somewhat flexible and can work with other RAs to figure out the best schedule for everyone. With all of these tasks it will be important that you are proactive. Staying on top of all your tasks will ensure that everything runs smoothly. This includes staying on top of adding new time slots to the human subject management system, notifying the lab manager of low supplies, and being on the look out for ways to spend your time in the lab more efficiently. In addition, you will be provided the opportunity to help analyze data, train new RAs on the lab's physiology equipment, and give meaningful contributions to weekly lab meeting discussions.

Hours a week: 10-12 hours per week; start date fall quarter 2017; minimum involvement 2 quarters

Qualifications of applicant: Of advantage, but not required, are prior research experience, major in psychology or human biology, course work in biological psychology. Preference will be given to candidates seeking a long-term involvement at the lab.

To apply: Send the following documents to Dr Sylvia Kreibig at skreibig@stanford.edu: your CV and a statement of interest including a brief outline of your research interests, your prior research experience, your future goals, the kinds of experiences you hope to gain by participating in research, and your desired starting date, duration of involvement, and weekly availability.