RA Position Description (Shelter in Place)

During the regular academic year (from the start of the Fall quarter to the end of the Spring quarter), Undergraduate Research Assistants are required to work a set 9 hours per week, with an additional weekly hour-long Lab Meeting (which typically occurs on Friday mornings). In addition, we ask RA's to work one to two Saturdays per term from 9:30-3:30 pm. In return, students get 3 Psych 199 credits or transcript notation. We also ask for a minimum of a two term commitment. The summer sessions count as one term toward the two term commitment and the weekly time commitment for the summer sessions varies depending on whether RA’s want to spread their hours out over both summer sessions or complete all of their hours in either summer session 1 or summer session 2. The time commitment for the summer is 100 hours total and RA’s are given the option of completing all of those hours during one summer session or spreading them out across both.

We accept students with a minimum 3.0 GPA. 3rd and 4th year students must have taken PSC 100 (Cognitive Psychology) or PSC 140 (Developmental Psychology). Undergraduates in our lab do a variety of tasks such as running infants (4 to 12 months) in experiments, contacting potential participants to schedule appointments, offline coding of behaviors, entering experiment data, stuffing envelopes for mail-outs, and occasionally watching siblings while infants are participating in the studies.

Our lab is located at the Center for Mind and Brain in 202 Cousteau Place, which is on 2nd St near Target (about two miles off campus).

Due to COVID-19 we are currently conducting lab activities from home for the safety of our students, staff, and participating families. RA responsibilities will shift during this period to focus on visual and behavioral coding and assisting graduate students and junior specialists with projects. A two term commitment and 10 hour work weeks are still required. Predetermined lab meetings are held at minimum, twice a week over Zoom.

If you are still interested in this position, send us your completed application. If you qualify we will contact you to set up an interview.

Thanks!