Study Coordinator: Full-Time Postbaccalaureate Research Assistant

University of Maryland, College Park, MD

Candidates are being considered for a NIMH-funded post-baccalaureate Study Coordinator position in the laboratory of Dr. Alex Shackman in the Department of Psychology at the University of Maryland at College Park.

The overarching mission of the lab is to have a deep impact on the fields of affective and clinical/translational neuroscience. To that end, we do our best to perform innovative studies that can lead to significant discoveries, to disseminate our discoveries as widely as possible, and to mentor trainees to become top-notch scientists.

Under the supervision of Dr. Shackman and other senior staff, the Study Coordinator will play a central role in an upcoming project aimed at understanding the neural and computational architecture of fear and anxiety and its role in adult anxiety and trauma disorders. This position will provide opportunities to gain experience with neuroimaging (fMRI), smartphone ecological momentary assessment (EMA), and structured clinical interviews. This is an exciting opportunity to receive top-notch mentorship and establish a competitive research record—including publications and conference presentations—in preparation for graduate training in clinical psychology, affective neuroscience, or medicine. You can learn more about former Study Coordinators on our Alumni page.

This is a 1-year position that is renewable, contingent on performance and funding. Duties may include, but are not limited to, subject recruitment and scheduling; data acquisition, processing, and archiving; study/database management; general grant and lab administration; and manuscript/figure preparation. Some duties (e.g. MRI sessions) will occur during evening or weekend hours.

Applicants should send: (1) a Cover Letter summarizing relevant experiences, skills, and interests—please be specific and concrete; (2) a CV/Resume, and (3) Contact Information for 2-4 references. Please send your materials to Dr. Shackman (shackman@umd.edu). Formal letters of recommendation are not required for the initial application and will only be requested for short-listed applicants.

Read more about the project here.

This is a fantastic opportunity to live in and explore DC, MD, and Northern VA!
- Learn more about the revitalization of College Park at the Greater College Park website, in the Fall 2018 issue of Terp Magazine (flip to page 38) and in a special section of the Washington Business Journal.
- College Park recently made Washingtonian magazine’s annual Best of the DMV list.
- College Park and neighboring Hyattsville were highlighted again in the Washingtonian and the Washington Post.
- Hyattsville deemed a ‘hot’ neighborhood by the Washingtonian.

Applicants will be considered until the position is filled. The position will begin in Summer or Fall 2022. The ideal candidate would be able to make a 2-year commitment to the position.

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Employment is contingent on proof of COVID vaccination (or approved religious/medical exemption) and completion of a background check. A prior criminal conviction(s) will not automatically disqualify employment.