

Research Opening in Clinical Research Laboratory

Graduate Student Advisor: Sara Masland

Faculty Adviser: Jill Hooley

Description of research: Our lab does a wide range of research, including work that covers interpersonal processes that impact treatment for psychopathology, mind wandering and depression, non-suicidal-self-injury, and personality disorders. I am currently, and selectively, looking for 1 research assistant to help with two lines of research:

1. **Perceived Criticism (PC):** the perception of criticism from others is associated with poor clinical outcomes transdiagnostically. I seek to better understand what other constructs and cognitive processes are related to PC.
2. **Trust Processing in Schizotypy and Borderline Personality:** my dissertation work seeks to better understand how people high on traits of schizotypy and borderline PD process information about whether others are trustworthy.

Responsibilities: Research assistants will work 10 or more hours each week, and must have at least one large block of availability on Tuesday and/or Wednesday. Willingness to work up to 5 hours on occasional weekend days is also required. Duties will range, and will include data entry and data management, as well as other less-fun tasks including making photo copies. However, with training and incremental addition of responsibility, the position will eventually also include conducting experiments (including phone screens, participant interviews) and aiding in data analysis. If motivated, you may have the chance to use existing data to present findings at a conference.

It is highly preferred that research assistants will attend lab meetings, time TBD (likely midday Tuesday or Wednesday).

Ideal Candidates: Due to the nature of this research, prior research experience (particularly including interaction with research participants) is highly preferred. We also prefer students who have had coursework in abnormal psychology. Experience with Matlab and/or SPSS would be a bonus. Preference will be given to students who can commit to 2 semesters.

Status: Volunteer or course credit through Psych 2446r

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