

Research Opportunity at McLean Hospital Laboratory for Affective and Translational Neuroscience

Volunteer positions are available in the Laboratory for Affective and Translational Neuroscience (LATN), at McLean Hospital, directed by Diego A. Pizzagalli, Ph.D. LATN is part of McLean's Center for Depression, Anxiety and Stress Research, which embraces a multi-disciplinary approach to improve our understanding of the psychological, environmental, and neurobiological factors associated with affective disorders (<http://cdasr.mclean.harvard.edu/>). Among our current research projects are an exploration of the psychological and neurobiological traits associated with resilience; an assessment of the role of early adversities such as maltreatment and trauma as precursors to depression and anxiety; and investigation of the cognitive and emotional processes that contribute to incentive-guided decision making, emotion regulation, and psychopathology.

Volunteers work 10 to 15 hours per week for two semesters, and may apply for course credit in PSY 910r or Neuorbio 98r. They will participate in all phases of our research utilizing multiple methodologies such as MRI, fMRI, EEG, and behavioral testing, to study emotional and cognitive processing in both healthy and psychiatric populations. Volunteers will assist with recruiting, interviewing participants, behavioral and cognitive testing, and administration of EEG and MRI experiments. Volunteers will also work with LATN researchers to analyze data and prepare results.

Candidates must be highly motivated and reliable. Both undergraduate students and recent college graduates can be research volunteers.

Supervising Professor

Diego Pizzagalli, Ph.D., Professor of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School, is the supervising professor. Dr. Pizzagalli is a Board of Honors Tutor member in the Psychology Department at FAS.

Location:

This lab is located at McLean Hospital, in Belmont MA, which is easily accessible via the T (a 25-minute bus ride from Harvard). McLean is the principal psychiatric teaching hospital of Harvard Medical School, and is ranked as the nation's #1 Psychiatric Hospital in the U.S. News & World Report's 2013-2014 survey. See <http://www.mclean.harvard.edu/> for more information.

To Apply

Please visit the lab web site at <http://cdasr.mclean.harvard.edu/index.php/about-us/current-openings> to download an application form, and then send the completed form along with a copy of your CV to Dave Crowley at djcrowley@mclean.harvard.edu.