

The Chicago Lab of Emotion and Physiology in the Psychology Department at the University of Illinois at Chicago (Dr. Stewart Shankman, Director) seeks two Research Associates to assist in studies of mood and anxiety disorders.

Research in the lab focuses on basic mechanisms underlying mood and anxiety disorders. Specifically, we investigate behavioral, physiological, neural, and genetic aspects of reward and threat processing in individuals with mental illness and their family members, as well as in healthy individuals. By achieving a better understanding of the processes that cause and maintain mood and anxiety disorders, we hope to contribute to the development of more effective preventative and treatment interventions.

Research Associates are needed to assist with the following tasks:

- 1 – Manage and coordinate recruitment of participants for experiments run in the laboratory. This will involve managing contact with area clinics, placing newspaper and Internet ads, conducting initial phone screenings with interested individuals, and scheduling laboratory visits.
- 2 – Conduct formal assessments with participants, including diagnostic interviews and neuropsychological testing.
- 3– Conduct experiments under the direction of the PI. This will involve applying psychophysiological sensors, running experimental tasks and data acquisition software, and session set-up and clean-up while adhering to established protocol and maintaining rapport with participants.
- 4 – Maintain regulatory correspondence with Institutional Review Board and funding agencies.
- 5 –General care and upkeep of the laboratory, including inventory and ordering of supplies and management of lab personnel including undergraduates.
- 6 – Process psychophysiological data, including EEG, EMG, ECG, and fMRI data.
- 7 – Maintain study databases.
- 8 – Analyze data under the direction of the PI. Analysis is likely to include cleaning data in Excel, analyzing data in SPSS, SAS, and/or MATLAB, and creating charts, graphs, and other reports for publication.

Qualifications:

A B.A. or B.S. in Psychology or a related field is required. A minimum of one year related research experience.

Competitive candidates will have strong communication and interpersonal skills, excellent organizational skills, and a proven ability to work independently. Candidates will need to electronically submit an on line application at <https://jobs.uic.edu> (click on the job board and then click on the position [Research associate II - Social Sciences) and upload a cover letter, CV, and provide the names and email addresses of three references within the on line application. Review of applications will begin right away and will continue until the job is filled. Questions about the position may be directed to Prof. Stewart Shankman; stewarts@uic.edu).

The University of Illinois at Chicago is an Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action employer. Minorities, women, veterans and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply.