

Job Opportunity: Research Assistant for qualitative dog behavior coding study

Position: Student research assistant in psychology/animal behavior.

Location: Remote or in-person (at Harvard University, Cambridge MA), residents of New England.

Hours: 10-14 hours/week.

Job term: September – December, 2024.

Pay: Starting at \$17/hour.

Supervisors: Dr. Julia Espinosa, Postdoctoral Fellow; Dr. Erin Hecht, Assistant Professor and Director of the Evolutionary Neuroscience Lab.

Position description: The Canine Brains Project in the Department of Human Evolutionary Biology at Harvard is seeking a research assistant for a project on human-animal relationships and human perceptions of dog behavior. Responsibilities include data preparation, qualitative coding, and possible data analysis for a large survey dataset of dog guardian descriptions of their pets' behavior. Desired qualifications for this position include: Interest in data analysis, qualitative data methods, dog behavior, or people's perceptions of animals. Previous experience with qualitative coding, data formatting, or survey data analysis is appreciated but not required. The Research assistant on this project can expect to learn best practices in data management and open science, have opportunities to hone analysis and R coding skills, and acquire critical research experience in preparation for graduate school. If you are interested in contributing to research on human-animal interactions, we would like to hear from you. Send your CV and a brief cover letter introducing yourself and summarizing your interest in this position to Dr. Julia Espinosa, jespinosa@g.harvard.edu.