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Paid Research Assistant Position: Study Emotional Wellbeing Among Early Childhood Education Staff

(Ideal for Education, Psychology, and/or Public Policy students)

[Professor Jennifer S. Lerner](#) is the Thornton F. Bradshaw Professor of Public Policy, Management and Decision Science at the Harvard Kennedy School. She holds academic appointments in Harvard's Kennedy School, Department of Psychology, and Institute for Quantitative Social Sciences. Drawing insights from psychology, economics, and neuroscience, her research examines emotion and decision making. Across all areas, her work aims to expand the evidentiary base for designing policies that maximize human wellbeing.

Background:

Dr. Lerner's lab is seeking an undergraduate (part-time) research assistant. This student—under the supervision of Mr. [Andrew Epifanio](#), Research Project Manager—will work with Dr. Lerner and her team on a project studying emotional wellbeing among early childhood education staff.

Responsibilities:

The undergraduate research assistant will assist in the following areas:

- Tracking study participation, communication to participants, and other data
- Fielding questions about study implementation from sites
- Proofreading various study materials and measures
- Cleaning and coding qualitative data responses
- Summarizing results and preparing them for presentation
- Providing support with outreach to study participants as needed
- Completing other duties as assigned

Required qualifications:

- Ability to devote 8-10 hours per week during the academic year
- Interest in psychology and human wellbeing
- Strong academic performance in psychology, education, and/or related fields
- Excellent organizational, interpersonal, and communication skills
- Demonstrated reliability and capability in teamwork
- Must be a current undergraduate student at Harvard College

Desired qualifications:

- Interest in childhood education
- Programming skills

[Federal Work-Study](#) is welcome but not required.



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Application Guidelines:

Prepare one PDF document containing all of these: (a) a resume; (b) an unofficial college transcript; and (c) a brief cover letter addressed to Professor Jennifer Lerner. Send the PDF document to Andrew Epifanio at the following address: andrew_epifanio@hks.harvard.edu.

Review of applications begins immediately and will take place on a rolling basis.