

Human Research Technologist in the Emotion Development Lab at Penn State

POSITION SPECIFICS

Dr. Sarah Myruski of [The Emotion Development Laboratory](#) at The Pennsylvania State University seeks a full-time **Human Research Technologist** to serve as a research assistant.

The **Human Research Technologist** will have the opportunity to work on NIMH- and Penn State-funded studies investigating anxiety and digital media use in adolescents, with a focus on emotion regulation and neurophysiological mechanisms.

This work will take advantage of the University's broad resources, including the [Child Study Center](#).

Responsibilities:

One primary responsibility will be data collection for an ongoing study. This will include (but not limited to):

- Communicate with research participants to schedule data collection sessions
- Conduct participant intake meetings and clinical interviews
- Conduct EEG/eye tracking visits with participants
- Assist with survey data collection including ecological momentary assessments (EMA)

Additional responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Organize lab materials
- Attend lab and project specific meetings
- Maintain equipment checks; troubleshoot for technical problems
- Oversee and assist undergraduate student researchers with completion of projects
- Collect, process, and analyze psychophysiological data
- Aid in human subject protocols and consent forms

Important Note: Due to the availability of research participants, the **Human Research Technologist's** working hours will vary and will include weekend and frequent evening hours.

Qualifications:

- Outstanding attention to detail and accuracy
- Effective organizational and problem-solving skills, with the ability to manage multiple priorities simultaneously
- Excellent interpersonal skills; inclusive and respectful when working with others
- Effective verbal and written communication abilities
- Proficiency with core Microsoft Office applications, particularly Word, Excel, and PowerPoint
- A willingness to learn and develop additional computer skills related to data management and preparation of data for analysis

Research and/or professional experience with adolescents is highly preferred.

Experience processing data using relevant software programs (e.g., SPSS, R, Qualtrics, BVA, Mindware) is also highly desired.

MINIMUM EDUCATION, WORK EXPERIENCE & REQUIRED CERTIFICATIONS

Associate Degree No prior relevant work experience required; previous relevant work experience accepted in lieu of education. Required Certifications: None

A Bachelor's degree in psychology or related field is preferred.

Important Application Instructions:

Applicants must upload a cover letter of interest, highlighting relevant skills, and a CV/resume.

Additional Information:

Questions may be addressed to the leaders of the study, Stacey Levan at sls217@psu.edu or Dr. Sarah Myruski at sfm6016@psu.edu

The College of the Liberal Arts is supportive of flexible work arrangements when aligned with the ability to meet the needs of the unit and the essential duties of the position.

Questions related to flexible work or suggested working hours should be directed to the hiring manager during the interview process.

BACKGROUND CHECKS/CLEARANCES

This position requires the following clearances in addition to applicable background checks: PA State Police Criminal Background Check, PA Child Abuse History Clearance Form, and Federal (FBI) Fingerprint Criminal Background Check.

Penn State does not sponsor or take over sponsorship of a staff employment Visa. Applicants must be authorized to work in the U.S.

SALARY & BENEFITS

The salary range for this position, including all possible grades, is \$31,600.00 - \$45,800.00.

[Salary Structure](#) - Information on Penn State's salary structure

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