

Human Research Technologist at Penn State

JOB DESCRIPTION AND POSITION REQUIREMENTS:

The Parent, Regulation, Engagement, Stress, and Health (PRESH) project, directed by Dr. Erika Lunkenheimer at Penn State, is accepting applications for a *Human Research Technologist*.

The study the Human Research Technologist will be involved with focuses on studying parents' experience of being parented in childhood, as well as their mental health and beliefs about parenting, parenting stress, and parents' self-regulation. We are interested in how these factors influence parent-child interaction patterns, parents' disciplinary practices, and trajectories of children's behavioral adjustment and mental health symptoms.

This study aims to inform which factors should be prioritized when attempting to better support parents and reduce parenting stress and harsh discipline through family intervention.

The Human Research Technologist will play a significant role in this study by being responsible for project coordination. This will involve the following primary duties:

- Recruit families online and in-person; track recruitment and enrollment
- Track project goals; work with the principal investigator (PI) to determine timelines, schedules, and team trainings
- Maintain and update study documents and paperwork
- Coordinate with other research sites and external data processing teams
- Assist team members with data collection duties, as needed

Other responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Track and submit Institutional Review Board (IRB) amendments; assist with National Institute of Health (NIH) progress reports
- Prepare and receive mailings for recruitment and data collection
- Supervise, train, and coordinate and evaluate the work of several student researchers in the lab
- Manage completion of ethics training for lab members
- Track financial documents and budgets; monitor and order supplies for the study
- Work with the IT team to resolve tech issues and changes

This position will work onsite at Penn State's University Park campus, and the Human Research Technologist will occasionally be required to work on the weekend to complete the study's goals.

Benefits include (visit <https://hr.psu.edu/benefits> for more detailed information):

- Medical, dental, vision, and retirement plans

- 75% tuition discounts (including for a spouse and dependent children up to the age of 26)
- Generous vacation and sick time
- 15 paid holidays/campus closure days

Education and Experience:

This position will be filled as a Human Research Technologist – Social Sciences – Intermediate Professional, which requires a minimum of an Associate degree and two years of relevant experience, or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Professional experience working with families is highly desirable. The successful candidate will have excellent leadership, administrative, and interpersonal skills; an interest in research and basic knowledge of laboratory research principles; the ability to work well as part of a team; and basic proficiency with Microsoft Word and Excel. Applicants should also have a willingness to learn other job-related software.

In addition, successful candidates must either have demonstrated a commitment to building an inclusive, equitable, and diverse campus community, or describe one or more ways they would envision doing so, given the opportunity.

Additional Information:

Applicants must upload a cover letter of interest, highlighting relevant skills, and a CV with their online application.

This is a limited-term appointment, funded for one year from date of hire with possibility for renewal. The start date is as soon as possible.

This position requires the following clearances: PA State Police Criminal Background Check, PA Child Abuse History Clearance Form, and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Fingerprint Criminal Background Check.

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 should be directed to the hiring manager during the interview process.

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The salary range for this position, including all possible grades is:

\$34,800.00 - \$50,500.00

[Salary Structure](#) - additional information on Penn State's job and salary structure.

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