

## **Lab Manager in the Teen Lab at Virginia Tech**

### **Job Description**

Applications are invited for a full-time lab manager position in the lab of Dr. Samantha Margherio, in the Department of Psychology at Virginia Tech. Our lab uses community-engaged methods to study the link between ADHD and risk-taking behaviors and develop school-based interventions for behavior and substance use concerns. We are also engaged in community outreach to promote neuroscience and mental health knowledge.

The individual who fills this position will be involved in all aspects of the research process and community-engaged work within this emergent lab.

Duties include (but are not limited to):

- facilitating existing Community Advisory Boards, including coordinating meetings and maintaining communication with members
- coordinating community outreach events, such as school-based neuroscience education presentations and tabling at community events
- helping to maintain school-based partnerships via tasks such as attending research meetings with schools and facilitating relationships with educators within partnered schools
- maintaining and improving lab infrastructure, such as study protocols and lab resources (website, manuals, standard operating procedures, documentation), and coordinating daily lab operations
- recruiting, screening, scheduling, consenting, and running participants through study protocols involving adolescents with ADHD and risk behaviors
- supervising undergraduate research assistants
- assisting with IRB management, grant applications, data processing and

analysis, and manuscript preparation.

Training for all aspects of the position will be provided. This includes training in school-based neuroscience education presentations. Flexible scheduling is required (e.g., some evenings and weekends will be required).

This is an excellent position for candidates interested in gaining research and/or community outreach experience prior to graduate school in psychology, neuroscience, or related fields.

Required application materials: Cover letter describing interest in and fit with the position, CV/Resume, and contact information for two references (no need to submit letters).

The position is expected to start in summer 2026. Consideration of applications will begin immediately and on a rolling basis and will end when the position is filled. Salary will be commensurate with experience.

Pre-submission inquiries with CV may be emailed to: Samantha Margherio (smargherio@vt.edu)

### **Required Qualifications**

- 1) BA/BS in psychology, neuroscience, social work, education, human development, or related field.
- 2) One year of human subjects research experience.
- 3) Demonstrated computer skills, and proficiency with MS Word, Excel, and PowerPoint or equivalent.
- 4) Demonstrated organizational, time-management, interpersonal, problem-solving, and communication skills; and attention to detail.
- 5) a significant interest in community-engaged work.
- 6) Strong public speaking abilities.

### **Preferred Qualifications**

- 1) Experience in community-engaged work (research, clinical, or otherwise)
- 2) Demonstrated ability to work with data programs (e.g., REDCap; SPSS; R).

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