



## **Undergraduate Internship Opportunity: Center for OCD and Related Disorders (CORD)**

The Center for OCD and Related Disorders (CORD) at Massachusetts General Hospital is looking for qualified college undergraduates with a background in research and psychology for an onsite/in-person internship.

CORD is a large, multidisciplinary clinical and research program within the vibrant MGH Department of Psychiatry. Our program is comprised of psychologists, psychiatrists, and additional clinical and research support staff. We treat hundreds of patients annually and conduct a variety of research studies on obsessive-compulsive disorder, body dysmorphic disorder, body-focused repetitive behavior disorders, and related conditions such as anxiety and depression. The two research studies that interns would be primarily involved in are our [Attention Regulation Study](#) and our [OCD Fear Study](#) (see websites linked for more details). Both studies involve direct (in-person) contact with patients with OCD, anxiety, and/or depression.

### **PRINCIPAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES (MAY INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO):**

- Helping recruit study candidates and assess their eligibility (e.g., via social media)
- Entering and managing study data
- Assisting with the preparation and running of in-person patient visits involving EEG
- Helping manage our Volunteer Research Registry
- Submitting check requests for participant reimbursements
- Uploading/organizing audio recordings of therapy sessions and assessments
- Attending weekly lab meetings and seminars

Please note that this is an unpaid/volunteer internship opportunity. Opportunities for professional development (e.g., monthly journal club, mentorship for career paths in clinical psychology/medical school) will also be provided. For participants able to commit to the spring 2024 semester, the opportunity to conduct an independent research project (to be presented as a poster at an academic conference) will also be offered.

### **SKILLS/ABILITIES/COMPETENCIES REQUIRED:**

- Excellent organizational skills
- Exceptional attention to detail
- Ability to follow directions
- Very strong oral and written communication skills (e.g., responsive to study team members during intern's working hours)
- Computer literacy
- Ability to demonstrate respect and professionalism for participants' rights and individual needs
- Ability to both work independently (i.e., self-motivated) and as part of a team (i.e., a collaborative team member)
- Basic knowledge of research methods

REQUIREMENTS AND EXPECTATIONS:

- Work 8-10 hours per week for the duration of the fall 2023 semester (and ideally the duration of the spring 2024 semester). The vast majority of this work must occur in person at the [Simches Research Building \(MGH Main Campus\)](#) and [MGH Charlestown Navy Yard campus](#) (exact locations linked), but a maximum of 1-2 hours of work per week may be done virtually.
- Must have schedule availability that aligns with the needs of the lab.
- The ideal candidate is a highly responsive, organized, and motivated individual who can commit to this position starting immediately and continue through the 2024 spring semester. However, individuals who are unsure of their ability to commit to the spring semester will also be considered.
- Upperclassmen (i.e., juniors/seniors) will also be prioritized. A highly organized and motivated sophomore may be considered.

EDUCATION:

- Coursework in psychology, neuroscience, or related field

TO APPLY:

- Please email a cover letter, resume/CV, document titled "Fall 2023 Weekly Availability," and contact information for three professional references (e.g., college professors, research advisors, work supervisors) to Barbara Rosemberg ([brosemberg@mgh.harvard.edu](mailto:brosemberg@mgh.harvard.edu)).
- Please list GPA (cumulative and major) and relevant coursework on resume/CV.
- In your cover letter, please indicate if you can commit to working through the spring 2024 semester.
- In your "Fall 2023 Weekly Availability" document, please indicate the dates and times that you would be available *this semester* to work in person at the [MGH main campus](#) or [Charlestown Navy Yard campus](#). Please be sure to include evening availability (as the EEG study visits can take place in the evenings) and to be realistic regarding the time it will take you to get to and from our onsite locations.

Contact:

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