

Project Coordinator in the Carolina Social Neuroscience and Health Laboratory at UNC

Description:

The Carolina Social Neuroscience and Health Laboratory at UNC Chapel Hill (Lab Director: Dr. Keely Muscatell; <https://carolinasnhlab.com/>) seeks to hire a **full-time Project Coordinator** to assist with research in our lab. The position is ideal for a post-baccalaureate trainee interested in ultimately applying to PhD programs in psychology/neuroscience—our previous lab staff are now enrolled in doctoral programs at Stanford, UNC Chapel Hill, and NYU. We are especially seeking individuals who are passionate about collaborating with a diverse team of scientists dedicated to studying important societal issues. The target start-date for the position is June 1st 2023, though the exact date is flexible. Salary is commensurate with experience and includes health benefits.

The Project Coordinator will work closely with Dr. Muscatell and SNH Lab graduate students to orchestrate an NIH-funded study on the neural predictors of inflammatory responses to social stress. Responsibilities will include: obtaining and maintaining IRB approval for the study; identifying, recruiting, screening, and enrolling study participants; coordinating and collaborating with a team of undergraduate and graduate student researchers who will support the project; working with staff at the UNC Biomedical Research Imaging Center, the Investigational Drug Services Pharmacy, and the Clinical and Translational Research Center to run study sessions that involve administering study medication, acquiring MRI data and blood samples for measurement of inflammation; and data management and processing. The study coordinator will have opportunities to earn authorship on publications and present at/travel to scientific meetings, and to participate in lab meetings, journal clubs, and Departmental seminars.

Requirements for the position include a bachelor's degree in psychology, neuroscience, or a related field. The ideal candidate will have prior neuroimaging coursework/neuroimaging research experience, familiarity with coding (e.g., Python, Matlab), interests in research on the neural bases of stress, and the effects of stress on the immune system. Strong candidates will also have a demonstrated ability to work independently and manage/support a team.

To be considered: The application link will open *Feb 13th* and remain open until the position is filled. Please apply for the position, including uploading your current CV/resume, a cover letter, and a list of names and contact information for two references here (*goes live Feb 13th*):

<https://unc.peopleadmin.com/postings/248962>

In your cover letter (1-2 pages), please address the following: (1) what prior research experience you've had; (2) what relevant coursework in psychology, neuroscience, or other fields you have taken; (3) what questions/topics in psychology/neuroscience are most interesting to you; (4) why you feel you are a strong candidate for the position; (5) what interests you about research in the Social Neuroscience and Health Lab specifically. If you have questions about the application or position, you can contact our current project coordinator, Erin Bender (ebender1@unc.edu). We look forward to receiving applications!