Paid Undergraduate Research Assistant Position ($15 per hour)

Study How Public Leaders use Narrative to Mobilize Community Action

(Ideal for Psychology, Government, and/or English majors)

Professor Jennifer S. Lerner, Harvard University, seeks an undergraduate research assistant to assist in manuscript preparation for her work examining the effects of training in public narrative.

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Background:
Working with Professor Marshall Ganz and the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative, Professor Lerner and her team have developed a scale that measures the ability to motivate others and publicly share meaningful information about oneself—in short, success in generating a public narrative. This ability to generate and deliver a public narrative is distinguishable from other personality traits and is noticeable to outside observers. It is also an important tool in leadership development. More information on Professor Ganz's public narrative pedagogy is available here.

Responsibilities:
Working with Professor Lerner and her team, this student will be responsible for: 1) Fully understanding the background and goals of this project; 2) Performing literature reviews in the fields of leadership, personality, and narrative identity; 3) Writing summaries of the research literature; 4) Coding, analyzing, synthesizing, and presenting qualitative data; and 5) Reading and editing draft manuscripts.

Review of applications begins immediately and will take place on a rolling basis.

Required qualifications:
- Outstanding academic record in Psychology, Government, English, or related fields;
- Strong writing skills;
- Excellent organizational, interpersonal, and communication skills;
- Demonstrated interest or research experience in psychology;
- Undergraduate level statistics course
- Ability to dedicate 6-10 hours/week to this project;
- Must be a current undergraduate student at Harvard College.

Preferred qualifications:
- Experience conducting thorough literature reviews and independent research in psychology or a related field.

Application Guidelines:
Prepare one PDF document containing (a) a resume and (b) a cover letter addressed to Dr. Jennifer Lerner. Send the PDF document to Ms. Chelsea Zabel at the following address: Chelsea_Zabel@hks.harvard.edu.