

Research Coordinator (Post-Bacc RA) at the University of Illinois, Chicago Laboratory

Clinical psychology, health psychology, biological psychology, public health

A full-time (40 hours per week) academic hourly position is available at the University of Illinois beginning in May or early June of 2026. Our research group was previously situated only in Urbana-Champaign, and the current position involves the startup and establishment of the Chicago branch of our research laboratory. The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is a top-ranked research psychology program, and this position would be a good fit for a student seeking to gain additional research experience in preparation to apply for doctoral programs in clinical psychology, health psychology, social neuroscience, biological psychology, informatics, or other related graduate programs. Students interested in a career in addiction science, mobile health intervention, or social/contextual determinants of health are particularly encouraged to apply. The position would include involvement with an interdisciplinary program of research exploring alcohol and substance use from both a psychosocial as well as a metabolic and neurocognitive standpoint. The primary program of work currently ongoing in the Chicago branch of our laboratory involves addiction intervention and wearable and mobile health technologies.

See the links below for further information on our research:

Overview of lab research: <https://alcoholresearchlab.com/for-researchers/>

Specific projects: <https://alcoholresearchlab.com/transdermaltechnology/>

The Coordinator of Research Programs will be trained in research in clinical psychology and addiction research and will gain experience in study implementation, including participant interaction, data management, supervision of undergraduate research assistants, general research administration, and possibly assistance with the preparation of grants and manuscripts. Duties would include, but would not be limited to, the management of study data and equipment, and the recruitment, screening, and running of study participants.

We are looking for applicants who have a passion for research, an eye towards detail, effective and flexible time management skills, a willingness to attempt novel and challenging tasks, and strong interpersonal skills. For this position in our Chicago laboratory branch, a high level of independence, self-direction, and personal responsibility and ownership surrounding laboratory tasks are especially important. Other responsibilities could include, but are not limited to, data management, literature searching, preparing materials for the IRB, data coding, reviewing proofs, laboratory setup, and purchasing of lab supplies. **Weekend and evening availability is required, as many of our study visits take place on weekends due to participant availability.** The role would also involve day trips to our Champaign laboratory location (2.5 hours by shuttle/train) for training and regular meetings.

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, and we encourage you to submit yours as soon as possible to ensure full consideration. A bachelor's degree at the time of employment is required. At this time, we are unable to sponsor visas for international candidates. We anticipate this as a 1-year position, with the possibility of renewal. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and is subject to the availability of funds. **Please submit a cover letter, CV/resume, and copy of academic transcript (unofficial or official) to our post-doctoral scholar, at smurgia2@illinois.edu with the subject line "Chicago Research Coordinator Job 2026."** The University of Illinois System is an equal opportunity employer, including but not limited to disability and/or veteran status, and complies with all applicable state and federal employment mandates. Please visit [Required Employment Notices and Posters](#) to view our non-discrimination statement and find additional information about required background checks, sexual harassment/misconduct disclosures, and employment eligibility review through [E-Verify](#).