

FULL-TIME RESEARCH COORDINATOR POSITION
THE LITTLEBEATS™ BABY RHYTHMS PROJECT

Interdisciplinary Lab for Social Development
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The Interdisciplinary Lab for Social Development (<https://publish.illinois.edu/socialdevlab/>) is seeking a full-time Research Coordinator for the LittleBeats™ Baby Rhythms Project, a new study of infants' sleep/wake states, physical activity/sedentary behavior, and home environments. The Research Coordinator will be part of a larger team who shares responsibility for managing and overseeing the day-to-day activities of the research project, including participant recruitment, scheduling, and data collection.

Responsibilities include:

- Assisting with recruitment and enrollment of families with infants 0- 6 months of age in collaboration with collaborators at Carle Foundation Hospital OB and pediatric clinics.
- Coordinating and supervising research visits with mothers and infants in their home and check-in visits virtually via Zoom.
- Conducting live observations of infant sleep/wake states and physical activity in the home environment and guiding parents in completion of ecological momentary assessments of their infant's states during LittleBeats daylong recordings.
- Contributing to research products, including conference presentations and manuscripts submissions to scientific journals

Minimum requirements:

- Bachelor's degree in the behavioral or social sciences (e.g., psychology, human development, education, speech & hearing sciences), with at least one year of significant research experience and/or direct work with infants and their parents.
- Must have outstanding communication and interpersonal skills, excellent ability to organize and balance multiple tasks, and demonstrated ability to complete tasks accurately.
- Flexible availability, including evenings and weekends.
- Must have car for travel to families' homes in Champaign-Urbana and nearby towns.

Preferred experience/skills (but not required): Prior research experience with young children and families, experience manipulating and managing data in REDCap, R Studio, SPSS, Python, or Excel.

Application Process: Please send a letter of interest, resume, transcript (unofficial copy) and the names and contact information for two references to Dr. Nancy McElwain at mcelwn@illinois.edu. For further information, please contact Dr. McElwain at mcelwn@illinois.edu or (217) 244-7168.

Review of applications will begin immediately, and preference will be given to applications submitted by April 15th. Start date is negotiable, although June 2026 start is preferred. A minimum of one-year commitment is required, with the opportunity for renewed appointment.