

Research Assistant at Penn State

The [Addiction, Smoking, and Health Laboratory](#) in the Department of Psychology, College of the Liberal Arts at the Pennsylvania State University, headed by Dr. Stephen Wilson, is seeking a full-time **Research Assistant (Human Research Technologist 2)**.

The **Research Assistant** will have the opportunity to work on an NIH-funded study investigating how brain activity and corresponding psychological processes unfold in the critical moments that immediately precede a smoking lapse in individuals who smoke cigarettes. In doing so, the lab incorporates a number of techniques, including fMRI, behavioral assessments, and questionnaires. This work will take advantage of the University's broad resources, including the [Social, Life, and Engineering Sciences and Imaging \(SLEIC\) Center](#).

Key responsibilities for the **Research Assistant** include:

- Recruiting and scheduling participants for lab visits
- Collecting, processing, and analyzing behavioral and brain imaging (fMRI) data
- Assisting with human subject protocols, consent forms, and IRB approval
- General lab management duties
- Training others to collect and interpret data and supervising undergraduate research assistants

Education and Experience: This position typically requires an Associate's degree or higher (Bachelor's degree preferred) plus two or more years of related experience, or an equivalent combination of education and experience.

A Bachelor's degree in Psychology, Neuroscience, or a related field, along with past experience in a lab that conducts behavioral and/or neuroimaging studies will be considered a strong plus. In addition, successful candidates must either have demonstrated a commitment to building an inclusive, equitable, and diverse campus community, or describe one or more ways they would envision doing so, given the opportunity.

Additional Information: Please highlight relevant skills in your cover letter. To apply, please upload a cover letter of interest, a CV, and a list of 2 or 3 references (and their contact information). Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled.

Questions regarding the position may be addressed to Dr. Wilson at sjw42@psu.edu.

This is a limited-term appointment, funded for one year from date of hire, with good possibility for renewal.

The [College of the Liberal Arts](#) is supportive of flexible work arrangements when aligned with the ability to meet the needs of the unit and the essential duties of the position. Questions related to flexible work should be directed to the hiring manager during the interview process.

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