

Research Assistant at Pennsylvania State University

The [Emotion Development Laboratory](#) at [The Pennsylvania State University](#), headed by Dr. Kristin Buss, seeks a full-time **Research Assistant (Human Research Technologist 1)**. The successful candidate will have the opportunity to work on NIMH and PSU-funded studies investigating the developmental trajectories of social anxiety development in adolescents with focus on emotion regulation and physiological mechanisms. This work will take advantage of the University's broad resources, including the [Child Study Center](#).

The successful candidate will be responsible for:

- Maintaining participant video and questionnaire databases
- Contacting and scheduling families
- Coordinating mailings and data collection
- Supervising other undergraduate students working on the project(s)
- Aiding in human subject protocols, consent forms, and annual IRB approval
- General lab management duties and may also involve overseeing a large and dynamic team of undergraduate students

Education and Experience: This position typically requires an Associate's degree or higher plus one year of related experience, or an equivalent combination of education and experience. A Bachelor's degree in psychology or related field is preferred. Research and/or professional experience with children is required. The successful candidate will have excellent organizational skills, computer skills (Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint) and willingness to learn and develop additional computer skills related to data management and preparation of data for analysis. Experience processing data using relevant software programs (e.g., SPSS, R, Qualtrics, BVA, Mindware) is also highly desired. 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.

The candidate will join a vibrant and diverse laboratory and developmental training program. [Penn State](#), the [College of the Liberal Arts](#), and the [Department of Psychology](#) all maintain broad initiatives focused on enhancing diversity, equity, and inclusion in higher education, as well as to improve our understanding of the antecedents, the correlates, and the consequences associated with diversity, equity, and inclusion. Candidates are both welcomed and encouraged to discuss if/how their research may contribute to these initiatives.

Application Instructions: Please highlight relevant skills in your cover letter and include a list of two or three references (and their contact information). Review of the applications will begin immediately and will continue until the job is filled. Salary will be commensurate with experience.

Apply Here: https://psu.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/PSU_Staff/details/Research-Assistant--Human-Research-Technologist-1---The-Emotion-Development-Laboratory_REQ_0000029762-1?q=REQ_0000029762

Penn State is committed to and accountable for advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion in all of its forms. We embrace individual uniqueness, foster a culture of inclusion that supports both broad and specific diversity initiatives, leverage the educational and institutional benefits of diversity, and engage all individuals to help them thrive. We value inclusion as a core strength and an essential element of our public service mission.

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

This position requires the following clearances: PA State Police Criminal Background Check, PA Child Abuse History Clearance Form, and Federal (FBI) Fingerprint Criminal Background Check.

