

Research Assistant at the University of Chicago

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Department

BSD PSY - Erickson Lab

About the Department

To honor our promise to always put our patients first and to be ever mindful of each patients dignity and individuality, we must also be at the forefront of transformative discovery and innovation in psychiatric care.

Job Summary

In the Memory and Perception in Schizophrenia (MAPS) Laboratory, we are interested in the neurobiological mechanisms that give rise to impaired perception and low-level cognitive processes in people with psychosis. To study these phenomena, we use computerized cognitive tasks and electroencephalography (EEG) in people with serious mental illness as well as individuals without a history of psychiatric disorders. Research assistants in the MAPS Lab will have the opportunity to learn and practice clinical assessment and diagnosis, as well as to learn technical skills associated with EEG acquisition/analysis and computer programming. Research assistants will also assist with administrative tasks associated with various research projects, including IRB preparation, ordering supplies, participant recruitment, and other miscellaneous support activities.

Responsibilities

- Recruit research subjects. Along with the necessary paperwork, perform a phone screen. Schedule potential subjects for appointments with the MAPS Lab research staff and enter necessary information into the shared calendar.
- Make all the necessary arrangements for subject payment.
- Conduct clinical interviews and neuropsychological testing. Assess diagnostic status, symptom severity, and current cognitive functioning in all research participants. While prior experience with the Structured Clinical Interview for the

DSM (SCID) is preferred, it is not mandatory. Formal training on all measures will be provided.

- Collect experimental data for both behavioral (computerized tasks) and EEG protocols. While prior experience with EEG data collection is preferred, it is not mandatory. Formal training on EEG data acquisition will be provided.
- Miscellaneous research activities, including administration of forms/questionnaires to subjects, collection of biospecimens, maintaining lab records, troubleshooting, ordering supplies, placing reminder phone calls, making copies, and other tasks as needed.
- Provides routine or standardized laboratory duties by collecting data in support of research projects under direct supervision.
- Collects and enters data. Assists in analysis of data and with preparation of reports, manuscripts and other documents.
- Complies with institution, state and federal regulatory policies, procedures, directives, and mandates.
- Performs other related work as needed.

Minimum Qualifications

Education:

Minimum requirements include vocational training, apprenticeships or the equivalent experience in related field (not typically required to have a four-year degree).

Work Experience:

Minimum requirements include knowledge and skills developed through < 2 years of work experience in a related job discipline.

Certifications:

Preferred Qualifications

Experience:

- Experience with clinical assessment.
- Experience with EEG data collection.

Preferred Competencies

- Highly organized.
- Warm and professional interpersonal style.

- Motivated to learn challenging new skills.
- Ability to work autonomously.

Application Documents

- Resume (required)
- Cover letter (required)

When applying, the document(s) **MUST** be uploaded via the My Experience page, in the section titled Application Documents of the application.

Job Family

Research

Role Impact

Individual Contributor

FLSA Status

Non-Exempt

Pay Frequency

Biweekly

Scheduled Weekly Hours

40

Benefits Eligible

Yes

Requires Compliance with University Covid-19 Vaccination Requirement

Yes

Drug Test Required

Yes

Health Screen Required

No

Motor Vehicle Record Inquiry Required

No

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We seek a diverse pool of applicants who wish to join an academic community that places the highest value on rigorous inquiry and encourages a diversity of perspectives, experiences, groups of individuals, and ideas to inform and stimulate intellectual challenge, engagement, and exchange.

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