

Clinical Psychology Research Assistant

The Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience Lab (<https://sites.rutgers.edu/canl/>) at Rutgers University is seeking a full-time research assistant (Research Teaching Specialist IV) to support data collection for a 2-year, grant-funded study focused on decision-making in schizophrenia-spectrum disorders (<https://reporter.nih.gov/project-details/10989083>). The candidate would ideally begin in early September (9/1/24).

The research assistant will work with Drs. David Zald and John Purcell, PhD performing various tasks involving recruiting and studying research participants who have psychosis. The specialist will contribute to research examining decision-making in people with schizophrenia, and the ability to improve decision making through simple attentional interventions. The research uses eye-tracking, fMRI, experience sampling methods (ESM), and emotion regulation strategies to study the relationship between psychopathology and real-world experiences. The position includes mentorship and opportunities for co-authorship on resulting conference posters and manuscripts. The position may be ideal for candidates who are interested in pursuing graduate school in clinical psychology or medicine.

For further information please reach out to David Zald, dz268@rbhs.rutgers.edu or John Purcell, jrp345@rwjms.rutgers.edu

Those interested in applying may submit an application here:
<https://jobs.rutgers.edu/postings/233327>

Required:

- The candidate must have a Bachelor's degree, preferably in a relevant science with at least a year of clinical research experience.
- Relevant Sciences could include Psychology, Clinical Psychology, Cognitive Science, or Biological Science.
- Ability to work in-person on Rutgers University's campus in Piscataway, NJ

Preferred:

- Experience with clinically interacting with people with severe mental illness such as schizophrenia/psychosis, study coordination, clinical recruitment, and clinical interviewing.
- Prior experience with eye-tracking data collection, coding (e.g., Matlab, python), neuroimaging, experience sampling methodology, and/or neuropsychological testing.
- The candidate must also have good interpersonal skills as they need to be able to work well with collaborators across multiple departments, universities, and research participants, including research participants who have neuropsychiatric problems.