

Research Assistant (Human Research Technologist 1)

The [Cognition, Affect, and Temperament Laboratory](#), in the [College of the Liberal Arts](#) at the Pennsylvania State University, headed by Dr. Koraly Pérez-Edgar, is seeking a full-time **Research Assistant (Human Research Technologist 1)**. The position will ideally start as soon as possible.

The **Research Assistant** will have the opportunity to work on an NIMH-funded study, investigating the association between parent-child synchrony and emotion modeling on anxiety risk in children. In doing so, the lab incorporates a number of techniques, including fNIRS, mobile eye-tracking, direct behavioral observation, and questionnaires. This work will take advantage of the University's broad resources, including the [Child Study Center](#) and the [Social, Life, and Engineering Sciences and Imaging \(SLEIC\) Center](#). This is a two-site study in collaboration with Dr. Susan Perlman at Washington University in St. Louis. As such, study personnel at Penn State will have virtual cross-site training opportunities.

Key responsibilities for the Research Assistant include:

- Recruiting and maintaining contact with children and their families
- Collecting, processing, and analyzing behavioral, neural, and/or eye-tracking data
- Aiding in human subject protocols, consent forms, and IRB approval
- General lab management duties
- Overseeing a large and dynamic team of undergraduate students

The **Research Assistant** will frequently use the following software and applications: Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Datavyu, MindWare, Brain Vision Analyzer, E-prime, SPSS, and R.

Education and Experience: This position typically requires an Associate's degree or higher (Bachelor's degree preferred) plus one year 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 coding, neuroimaging, and/or eye-tracking studies will be considered a strong plus. Research experience with children is highly desirable. 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 visit https://psu.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/PSU_Staff/job/University-Park-Campus/Research-Assistant--Human-Research-Tech-1---Cognition--Affect-and-Temperament-Lab--Department-of-Psychology_REQ_0000033464 and 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. Pérez-Edgar at kxp24@psu.edu.

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

This position requires the following clearances:

- PA State Police Criminal Background Check
- PA Child Abuse History Clearance Form

- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Fingerprint Criminal Background Check

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