

Post-Baccalaureate Research Associate for Youth Irritability Project at the University of Maryland – College Park

Dr. Lea Dougherty (University of Maryland – College Park) is seeking to hire a full-time post-baccalaureate research associate for NIMH-funded research project examining neural mechanisms of youth irritability. The project includes new data collection in young children (collected at San Diego State University with co-PI Dr. Jillian Wiggins) as well as use of the Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development (ABCD) Study data. We use functional and structural MRI methods. You can find out more about the project at my lab website (<https://bead-lab.org>) as well as Dr. Wiggin's lab website (<https://tendlab.sdsu.edu/>).

Successful candidates should have completed a bachelor's degree in Psychology or related discipline and have a keen attention to detail and strong organization, problem-solving, and analytic skills. Prior background in psychology and development is also a plus but not required. We seek an individual who is motivated, ambitious, and prepared for a hands-on research experience. Responsibilities will include: (1) behavioral coding of child and parent behavior (e.g., child temperament, parent-child interactions); (2) training and supervising undergraduate students; (3) clinical interviewing; (4) contributing to administrative duties of the lab; (5) assisting with research protocols and compliance; and (6) coordinating studies with lab teams across sites. The position will offer opportunities for manuscript writing and data analysis.

The position start dates are flexible (ideally June 2023). Review of applications will start in February 2023 and continue until the position has been filled. Renewal of contract is contingent on performance and funding. Interested individuals should email a cover letter, CV, and names and contact information of 3 references to Grace Messina at gmessina@umd.edu with the subject line "Research Associate - LASTNAME." Please include all documents in a single pdf file and include your last name in the file (i.e., "LASTNAME.pdf").