

Human Research Technologist in the Families, Affective Neuroscience, and Mood Disorders Lab at Penn State

JOB DESCRIPTION AND POSITION REQUIREMENTS:

The Families, Affective Neuroscience, and Mood Disorders Lab at Penn State is seeking a full-time Human Research Technologist to work on a NIH-funded study that investigates risk markers for depression in children and adolescents.

The start date for the Human Research Technologist is July 2024, but applicants seeking a later start date will also be considered.

The study, headed by Dr. Katie Burkhouse, focuses on examining the roles of positive (i.e., reward) and negative emotion processing alterations in the development of depression and anxiety among children (ages 4 to 16 across projects) of depressed mothers.

The Human Research Technologist will play a significant role in this study by being responsible for the day-to-day management of the lab.

Key Responsibilities:

- Prepare research materials and protocols, purchase research supplies
- Contact, schedule, and perform research on human participants of the study
- Manage data and perform basic data analysis
- Supervise, train, and coordinate the work of several student researchers in the lab
- Assist with preparation of grants, conference presentations, and research publications

The Human Research Technologist will be trained to administer psychiatric diagnostic and neural assessments (including EEG and neuroimaging), along with parent-child interaction and behavioral tasks.

Evening and weekend work will be required often to complete the study's goals.

Benefits include (visit <https://hr.psu.edu/benefits> for more detailed information):

- Medical, dental, vision, and retirement plans
- 75% tuition discounts (including for a spouse and dependent children up to the age of 26)
- Generous vacation and sick time
- 15 paid holidays/campus closure days

Education and Experience:

This position will be filled as a Human Research Technologist – Social Sciences – Intermediate Professional, which requires an Associate degree and two years of relevant experience, or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Professional experience working with children and families is highly desirable. The successful candidate will have good interpersonal skills and demonstrate the ability to

work well with others. Applicants should have a willingness to learn and develop computer skills (i.e., Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint and other programs). 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:

To apply, please upload a cover letter of interest, highlighting relevant skills, and a CV. 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, and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Fingerprint Criminal Background Check.

The College of the Liberal Arts is supportive of flexible work arrangements when aligned with the ability to meet the needs of the unit and the essential duties of the position. Questions related to flexible work should be directed to the hiring manager during the interview process.

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The pay range for this position, including all possible grades is:
\$34,800.00 - \$50,500.00

[Salary Structure](#) - additional information on Penn State's job and salary structure.

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