



Research Assistant position available

Fralin Biomedical Research Institute at Virginia Tech Carilion
Roanoke, Virginia

A full-time research assistant is being sought to support multiple NIH-funded projects in the labs of Dr. Pearl Chiu ([lab information](#)) and Dr. Brooks Casas ([lab information](#)) at the Fralin Biomedical Research Institute at Virginia Tech Carilion in Roanoke, Virginia. Projects in the labs are highly interdisciplinary and combine methods from experimental and clinical psychology, neuroscience, and behavioral economics with functional neuroimaging and in vivo electrochemistry to investigate decision-making in healthy and clinical populations (focusing on adults with mood, anxiety, trauma, or substance-use disorders, and at-risk youth).

Research assistants are an essential part of the scientific team and play a lead role in recruiting and assessing research participants, recording and managing study data, and maintaining positive communication with research participants. The successful team member will be highly detail-oriented, organized, and skilled with monitoring and adjusting priorities, problem solving, and generally ensuring the day-to-day implementation of the research studies. Data collection involves various modalities: behavioral tasks, imaging (e.g., fMRI), clinical interviews, and/or biological assays (e.g., urine, saliva). Training and supervision will be provided for all aspects of the position.

This is an excellent position for candidates interested in graduate school in cognitive or clinical psychology, neuroscience, and related fields. For motivated individuals, there may be opportunities to be involved with data analysis. Preference will be given to candidates who are willing to make a two-year commitment.

Qualifications:

- 1) BA/BS in psychology, neuroscience, or related field
- 2) Prior research experience is preferred

Required application materials: Cover letter, CV/Resume, and a list of references. Two letters of recommendation will be required prior to interview. Consideration of applications will begin immediately, and will end once the position is filled. Expected start date is early summer 2024.

The Fralin Biomedical Research Institute at Virginia Tech Carilion is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer and is committed to cultural diversity and compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Please apply at: jobs.vt.edu (#529220)

Pre-submission inquiries with CV may be emailed to:

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