Research Assistant (Lab Manager) position available
Fralin Biomedical Research Institute at Virginia Tech Carilion
Roanoke, Virginia

A full-time research assistant (lab manager) is sought for the labs of Dr. Pearl Chiu, Dr. Brooks King-Casas, and Dr. Stephen LaConte at the Fralin Biomedical Research Institute at Virginia Tech Carilion (http://research.vtc.vt.edu). Projects in the labs combine methods from experimental and clinical psychology, neuroscience, and behavioral economics with functional neuroimaging to investigate decision-making in healthy and clinical populations (current projects have a focus on borderline personality disorder, posttraumatic stress disorder, depression, substance-use disorders, at-risk youth, and traumatic brain injury). The research assistant will be responsible for recruiting and assessing research participants, implementing all aspects of study protocols, and maintaining positive communication with research participants and collaborators. Data collection involves various modalities including: behavior, fMRI, clinical interviews, genetic samples. Additional duties include managing participant databases, organizing project funds, and preparing and tracking IRB protocols. The research assistant is an essential member of the group and will be generally responsible for having overall knowledge of all lab projects and managing day-to-day logistics of the lab. Training will be provided for all aspects of the position. For motivated individuals, there are many opportunities to be involved with data analysis. This is an excellent position for candidates interested in graduate school in cognitive or clinical psychology, neuroscience, and related fields. Preference will be given to candidates who are willing to make a two-year commitment.

Minimum requirements include: 1) BA/BS in psychology, neuroscience, biology, or related field; 2) two years of research experience; 3) ability to work both independently and as part of a team; 4) demonstrated organizational skills and attention to detail; 5) demonstrated ability and desire to succeed in a fast-paced research environment with multiple concurrent duties; 6) excellent written and oral communication skills; 7) proficiency with MS Word, Excel, and PowerPoint or equivalent.

Other information: MA/MS candidates with clinical (clinical psychology, psychiatry) training will be considered; salary will be commensurate with experience. Candidates with data analysis and/or computer programming experience will be considered favorably.

Required application materials: Cover letter including statement of interest, CV/Resume, list of references. Two letters of recommendation will be required prior to final consideration.

Consideration of applications will begin April 8, 2020, and will end when the position is filled. Expected start date is as soon as possible. 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.


Pre-submission inquiries with CV may be emailed to: Whitney Allen, whitneyma@vtc.vt.edu
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