UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANTS NEEDED
Spring 2022

The School of Communication both welcomes and encourages undergraduate student involvement in the research programs of faculty and graduate students by serving as undergraduate research assistants. Research assistants play a vital role in the research of any university, by helping with data collection and analysis, computer programming, library research, and writing of research reports for presentation and conferences and for publication. Undergraduates in the social sciences with research experience (especially in the form of an undergraduate thesis) and who meet other entry requirements are often highly sought out by graduate schools, including the graduate program in the School of Communication at The Ohio State University. Furthermore, people with research skills are also sought out in industry and the corporate world. Thus, serving as a research assistant can give you a competitive advantage in your quest for furthering your education in the social sciences or obtaining employment upon graduation. If you need a letter of recommendation from a faculty member for graduate school or a job, you will get a much stronger letter if you work in a faculty member’s research group. Because there is no such thing as too much experience, we especially encourage students to get involved early in their education, at least a year before graduation. It sounds a lot better for a faculty member to say that that you worked in their lab for two, three, or even four years than only a semester.

The School of Communication is currently recruiting undergraduate research assistants for ongoing research projects described below. You may earn ‘independent study’ course credit by working on these projects or get involved on a voluntary basis—details are to be discussed with the faculty/project contacts. If you see a project description that interests you, please contact the faculty member directly (unless otherwise indicated in project description). Most projects fill on a first-come basis until full.

The application deadline for all positions is January 14, 2022.
Spring 2022 School of Communication Projects

Project title: Aggressive Driving Study
Faculty supervisor: Dr. Brad J. Bushman
Contact information: bushman.20@osu.edu
Email: bushman.20@osu.edu; davidson.536@osu.edu
Total number of research assistants sought: 1
Project location: Remotely

Minimum commitment per week: 6-9 hours

Preferred qualifications: Good organizational skills.

Project description: Recruit and schedule participants for an aggressive driving study. The study will be conduct at the OSU Driving Simulation Lab.

Remote or in-person: Remote

Format of remote interaction: Internet access

Stable on-going Internet access required? Yes

Project title: To frame or retain news media frames? Examining news media reframing on Twitter and its effects on science-related attitudes
Faculty supervisor: Dr. Graham Dixon
Contact information: Austin Hubner
Email: Hubner.9@buckeyemail.osu.edu
Total number of research assistants sought: 6
Project location: Virtual

Minimum commitment per week: 6 hours per week (2 credits)

Preferred qualifications: Have worked as an RA before, commitment to detail and willingness to commit time to the project.

Project description: Students will be coding tweets related to the COVID-19 vaccination

Remote or in-person: Remote

Format of remote interaction: Zoom and email check ins

Stable on-going Internet access required? Yes
Project title: Is it effective to Polite in Persuasion?
Faculty supervisor: Dr. Susan Kline
Contact information: kline.48@osu.edu
Email: kline.48@osu.edu
Total number of research assistants sought: 2-3
Project location: work at home.

Minimum commitment per week: 3 hrs/week. 1 credit hour.

Preferred qualifications: comm. major, experience with research, taken research methods

Project description: This project involves coding persuasive communication messages/interactions for linguistic politeness strategies using a coding system. As a group we will need to obtain reliability on the coding system.

Remote or in-person: either

Format of remote interaction: zoom

Stable on-going Internet access required? yes