UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANTS NEEDED
Summer 2023

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 May 12, 2023.
**Summer 2023 School of Communication Projects**

**Project title:** Violent Video Game Meta-Analysis

**Faculty supervisor:** Dr. Brad Bushman (*bushman@20.osu.edu*)

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**Total number of research assistants sought:** 3

**Project location:** Remote/online

**Minimum commitment per week:** 3 hours

**Preferred qualifications:** Experience with Excel, organized, close attention to detail, strong reading comprehension.

**Project description:** This project explores the effect of playing violent video games on aggressive thoughts, feelings, and behaviors. The goal of this project is to gather all relevant studies on this topic and include them in a meta-analysis to create a summary of their findings. The term meta-analysis means “analysis of analyses.” It is a quantitative literature review that combines statistical analyses (e.g., correlations) from different studies conducted on the same topic. This opportunity can be taken voluntarily or for credit in Communication (COMM 4998).

**Remote or in-person:** Remote/online, emails, and weekly Teams meetings.

**Format of remote interaction:** There will be held weekly Teams meetings to go through the information collected and any questions you might have.

**Stable on-going Internet access required?** Yes