



UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANTS NEEDED Summer 2020

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.

NOTE: All projects for summer 2020 are remote experiences only.

The application deadline for all positions is
May 15, 2020.

Summer 2020 School of Communication Projects

Project title: Narcissism and Aggression – POSITION FILLED

Faculty supervisor: Brad Bushman

Contact information: Sophie Kjaervik (kjaervik.1@buckeyemail.osu.edu)

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Total number of research assistants sought: 1 – POSITION FILLED

Project location: Remote work/Online

Minimum commitment per week: 3 hours

Preferred qualifications: Organized; attention to detail; strong reading comprehension

Project description: This project explores the relationship between narcissism and aggression. The goal of this project is to gather all relevant studies on this topic and include them in a meta-analysis in order to understand the association between narcissism and aggression. This opportunity can be taken on a voluntary basis or for credit in Communication or Psychology.

Format of remote interaction: Online; email; occasional Zoom meetings

Stable on-going Internet access required?: Yes

Project title: Social Media and Public Policy

Faculty supervisor: Hyunyi Cho

Contact information: email, zoom

Email: cho.919@osu.edu

Total number of research assistants sought: up to 4

Project location: online

Minimum commitment per week: about 5 hours

Preferred qualifications: (a) For aspects in pre-data collection: video editing skills using Adobe CC, interest in recording voiceover; (b) For aspects in post-data collection: completed coursework in communication research methods; either a or b, not both, is necessary.

Project description: Experimental study to examine social media effects on public policy perceptions

Format of remote interaction: using zoom, email

Stable on-going Internet access required? yes

Project title: Social Media and Public Health

Faculty supervisor: Hyunyi Cho

Contact information: email, zoom

Email: cho.919@osu.edu

Total number of research assistants sought: up to 2

Project location: online

Minimum commitment per week: 5

Preferred qualifications: completed coursework on communication research methods and new media effects; excellent organization skills, attention to detail

Project description: search, analysis and synthesis of literature to design empirical research

Format of remote interaction: email and regular zoom meetings

Stable on-going Internet access required? Yes

Project Title: Video Coding User Experiences

Supervisor: Dr. Jesse Fox

Contact Information: Ms. Kelsey Woods, Lab Manager

Email (link for application is below; do not email to apply): woods.654@osu.edu

Total number of Research Assistants sought: 3-6

Minimum commitment per week: 6+ hrs (2-3 credits)

Preferred qualifications: Attentive to detail; ability to self-manage, including making steady progress on long-term projects without constant supervision and meeting deadlines. Students with an interest in human-computer interaction, user testing, educational technology, or science communication are strongly encouraged to apply.

Project description: We are seeking research assistants to help with coding videos of people interacting with a web-based science app. You will develop coding and analysis skills that are useful for careers in UX/UR/HCI, user experience, and market research more broadly.

Format of remote interaction: We will have synchronous training meetings via Zoom and then you will be able to work on your own.

Stable ongoing internet access required? You will need to watch or download video files, so it is recommended.

To apply for this position, please fill out the following link: <https://goo.gl/forms/f4z1AbBOAxTePhch1>

Project Title: Graphics Assistant

Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Jesse Fox

Contact Information: Ms. Kelsey Woods, Lab Manager

Email (link for application is below; do not email to apply): woods.654@osu.edu

Total number of Research Assistants sought: 1-2

Minimum commitment per week: 3-6 hours

Preferred qualifications: Attentive to detail; strong organizational skills; ability to self-manage and make steady progress on long-term projects without constant supervision. Strong skills and experience working with Photoshop or other graphics programs is required. Experience creating infographics or other forms of science communication is a plus.

Project description: This position will entail creating graphics for various uses. You may also be asked to collect images or graphics from online sources. We get many applicants for this position; we are looking for creative individuals who understand the principles of good design.

Format of remote interaction: We will interact mostly via email. We will use Zoom meetings if needed. Stable ongoing internet access required? You can perform work offline as needed. Unfortunately you will need your own access to Photoshop as we cannot provide access to the lab at this time.

To apply for this position, please fill out the following link. A link to an online portfolio should be provided in your application: <https://goo.gl/forms/f4z1AbBOAxTePhch1>

Project title: Character Design for COMM Research

Faculty supervisor: Matthew Grizzard

Contact information: Email

Email: grizzard.6@osu.edu

Total number of research assistants sought: 1-2

Project location: Anywhere; Asynchronous

Minimum commitment per week: 8-9 hours

Preferred qualifications: At least basic experience in some kind of 3D character-design software (e.g., DAZ, Mixamo, Fuse, etc.).

Project description: I'm looking for help designing characters in some 3D character-design software. This project will involve helping to create "blank" characters where certain features could be made to vary in terms of age, race, sex, facial expression, etc. This will be a collaborative experience where we'll both learn from each other.

Format of remote interaction: Weekly email check-ins/Zoom meetings

Stable on-going Internet access required? Yes
