# Internship and Volunteering Opportunities: Week of September 5th, 2022

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Opportunities for Berkeley Students Away from Berkeley

Did you know there are many opportunities to conduct research outside of Berkeley? These can be opportunities that are within commute distance that could be done during the academic year (e.g. lab positions at Children's Hospital of Oakland Research Institute, Lawrence Berkeley Lab, UCSF, or Lawrence Livermore Lab)

Alternatively, you could conduct research at other campuses all over the US or even in other countries over the summer, usually with generous funding. This page shows a number of databases of summer research programs -- mostly with January and February deadlines -- that Berkeley students can apply for. Do your research now so you can pounce on these amazing opportunities!

Volunteer Research Assistant Positions - Emotion, Health, and Psychophysiology Lab

The Emotion, Health, and Psychophysiology Lab at UCSF is accepting applications for volunteer research assistant positions. Our research focuses on embodiment -- how the mind influences the body, and the reciprocal, how bodily changes influence thoughts, emotions, and intentions. Research assistants working in the lab are exposed to a variety of studies at the intersection of social psychology, emotion, and psychophysiology. RAs learn how to conduct studies, collect physiological data, and edit and score autonomic data. Our RAs work at least 10-12 hours a week for two school semesters. This volunteer opportunity is ideal for undergraduate students or recent graduates looking to gain research experience for graduate school or medical school. Please note that while we welcome international applicants, we cannot help with the visa process.

If you are interested in applying, please fill out this application form (https://forms.gle/b2qs7eP7kjZwyPfS9). Any questions can be forwarded to ehpl@ucsf.edu.
Lab website: https://www.wendyberrymendes.com/

Volunteer Research Assistant Opportunities in the Berkeley Psychophysiology Lab

The Berkeley Psychophysiology Lab (Dr. Robert Levenson) is seeking motivated and reliable volunteer research assistants who are fluent in Spanish to get started immediately on a project this semester. RAs will be trained to conduct consent procedures and clinical evaluations of research participants (all through Google voice, virtual). There is an estimated workload of 3-5
hours each week (including training in the initial few weeks), and you would be able to receive Psych 199 units (the deadline to enroll is usually the beginning of each semester). If you are eager to start gaining research experience and interested in learning more about our projects, please complete an application and send it to claire.ida.yee@gmail.com

Recruiting Volunteer Research Assistants at UCSF

The Aging, Metabolism, and Emotion (AME) Center (https://amecenter.ucsf.edu/) in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at UCSF is recruiting new volunteer research assistants. Volunteer research assistants will work on a research study examining how daily mindfulness practice may affect everyday well-being, stress, and health in women who have experienced early life stress. The study is being led by Dr. Stefanie Mayer, Assistant Professor at UCSF. Please see the study website here: https://www.ucsfemmastudy.org/.

To volunteer, you must be able to provide 8-10 hours of availability per week and commit to at least 6 months. Volunteer research assistant positions are mostly remote, with some in-person work at UCSF Mission Bay. Duties include participant recruitment, data collection, monitoring, and management, and attending weekly study team meetings. You will gain an understanding of the research process by participating in meetings and being involved in study start-up, and you will have the opportunity to work alongside UCSF staff and faculty. This experience is ideal for those interested in pursuing a PhD in Psychology or related fields, attending medical school, or simply looking to gain research experience in the field.

To apply, please send your CV/resume and a cover letter on your background and interests to elnaz.ahmadi@ucsf.edu. Please feel free to reach out to elnaz.ahmadi@ucsf.edu with any questions.

Program Manager and Mentor Fellow Positions at IYT

Hello,

My name is Danielle Adams, and I am the Program Director of Improve Your Tomorrow. IYT is a non-profit organization whose mission is to increase the number of young men of color to attend and graduate from colleges and universities. We are currently hiring for multiple positions throughout the Bay Area. Please share these positions with your current undergraduate, graduate, and alumni. I have included the link for you to share with any interested candidates.

Open Positions
I would also like to share that our Mentor Fellows Program is a part of Americorps. Many undergraduates gain great experience from this program as it is a year-long service commitment. I would be happy to briefly present to one or more of your classes to discuss this opportunity. If this is a possibility, please let me know. I have attached the one-pager for your reference.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions (danielle@improveyourtomorrow.org)

Volunteer Research Assistant Positions – Summer 2022
Psychological Studies and Interventions in Education

Faculty Sponsor: Professor Jason Okonofua
Supervisor: Michael Ruiz
Location: Remote
Position Time Commitment: Minimum 6 hours a week
Position Date: Summer 2022

Description of Research:
We are currently recruiting volunteer research assistants to assist with projects related to education. Our lab uses social psychological methodology to understand the psychological mechanisms that contribute to inequality in education. Further, our lab leverages interdisciplinary research to develop psychologically wise interventions that result in narrowing inequality in education contexts. Please see below for a description of the current project.

Building a teacher recruitment database
● This project is focused on gathering teachers’ emails via school websites and distributing our lab’s teacher recruitment survey to these teachers via Qualtrics. Each teacher that completes this survey will then be eligible to participate in various studies that are being conducted by members of our lab related to 1) experiments that lead to insights in understanding how PreK-12 th grade teachers’ perceptions of students can contribute to racial disparities in discipline and 2) empathic-discipline interventions with teachers that shift their mindsets toward having an empathic rather than a punitive mindset towards discipline.

Description of research assistant responsibilities:
● Research assistants will be responsible for collecting teachers' email addresses from a predetermined list of schools each week. There are opportunities to contribute to the development of R scripts, scheduling the teacher recruitment survey distributions, and assisting with subsequent research that is conducted using the completed database. Training will be provided for any research task that we request assistance with.
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To apply for the position, please email the following to ruiz_michael@berkeley.edu.

1. Curriculum Vitae/Resume
2. A cover letter that details your research interests that overlap with our education research, relevant skills, what you are hoping to learn and or gain from this experience, when you would like to start assisting with research tasks, and if you are interested in receiving Psych 199 units for your contributions as a research assistant during the Summer 2022 semester.

**Mentor Recruitment - Undergraduate Labs at Berkeley**

Apply to be an undergraduate research mentor for the Cognitive Science and Psychology division of the Undergraduate Lab @ Berkeley!

We are a student-run organization on campus dedicated to providing access to research opportunities for undergraduate students. By being a part of ULAB, you will bond with a small group of students interested in research by working together on a year-long research project in the field of cognitive science, psychology, and neuroscience under the guidance of an experienced undergraduate mentor and graduate student advisors. You will also gain hands-on training in scientific writing, data analysis, and experiment design. All project groups will present at our symposium at the end of the year and be published through eScholarship (See past publications from us: [https://escholarship.org/uc/cogscipsych_ulab](https://escholarship.org/uc/cogscipsych_ulab)).

REGARDING MENTOR APPLICATION: If you have prior research experience, we strongly recommend that you apply as a mentor. Through this mentorship, not only will you be able to discover and hone your leadership and teaching skills, but you will also gain experience in designing and managing a research project.

Mentor Application:  [https://tinyurl.com/ulabmentor22](https://tinyurl.com/ulabmentor22)

**Supporting Graduate-Level Research in Oregon**

(Fully Remote)

Interested in learning more about psychology research methods? Planning to apply to graduate school or clinical research jobs? I am seeking 1-3 undergraduate students to support my current research projects (cultural diversity and social connection in late life). RAs will learn about literature review approaches, paper-writing, qualitative methods, and more.
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Who: Taylor Loskot (she/her), Berkeley graduate, currently working for Stanford & the Palo Alto VA and a 2nd year clinical psychology graduate student at Pacific University in Oregon

What: Clinical Psychology Research Assistant for Graduate-level Research, hours/week commitment is flexible

Where: Fully remote

When: Flexible scheduling, hybrid synchronous and asynchronous responsibilities

Why: I am incentivized by receiving support on my projects, and a student is incentivized with 1) learning opportunities, 2) CV building, and 3) having a mentor in the graduate research / psychology world who could write a letter of recommendation in the future and provide mentorship regarding psychology careers and graduate school.

Please email me to apply: tloskot@pacificu.edu OR tloskot@berkeley.edu

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IIS/CPD Undergraduate Fellows Program - Deadline Monday 9/12!

2022/23 Undergraduate Fellows Program

Application Deadline: Monday, September 12th, 2022 at 5:00pm (PST)

APPLY NOW

What is the Undergraduate Fellowship Program?
The Undergraduate Fellowship Program is a year-long fellowship and joint initiative offered by IIS and CPD. The program presents a unique opportunity for a selective group of undergraduate students to work side-by-side with IIS/CPD affiliated faculty and graduate level research associates on conducting original research.

What will I get out of this experience?

- The opportunity to work with and learn from a faculty or graduate student mentor.
- Develop key skills and knowledge necessary to study the analysis of international affairs and/or the politics of developing countries.
- Access to various seminars and workshops where scholars from UC Berkeley and other top universities present their projects providing unique insight into the theories and methods used by experts, and exposure to the larger interdisciplinary research community.
- A $1000-$2000 stipend (dependent on your time commitment.)

How do I apply?

1. Review the AY 2022-23 mentors / projects.
2. Select up to two projects that align with your interests and skills.
3. Hit the below Apply button to be directed to the application form.

Please note that you will be asked to provide 1) a two-page cover letter describing what you are hoping to gain from the program, your interest in each project you selected, and what makes you an excellent candidate and 2) an updated resume.

Eligibility requirements:
Applicants must currently be enrolled at UC Berkeley and have completed at least one semester of study in residence. All majors are eligible and encouraged to apply.

**Recruiting New Peer-Reviewers for UJPB 2022-2023!**

The Undergraduate Journal of Psychology at Berkeley (UJPB) is looking to recruit new peer-reviewers and editors for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year! Every year, UJPB receives original research manuscripts from undergraduate students around the world. These manuscripts are then reviewed by undergraduates at UC Berkeley for acceptance into our annual journal. This hands-on peer-review process consists of evaluating the methodologies, analytical plans, and scientific contributions presented in research manuscripts. After discussing these areas, students take part in "accepting" or "rejecting" manuscripts for the editing phase. The editing phase will consist of refining manuscripts so that they meet APA criteria and are on-par with the expectations of the scientific community. Joining us will not only allow you to familiarize
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yourself with original research, but will also teach you to critically think about study design and outcomes, especially within the confines of a university. We hope that you will join us for another wonderful year of UJPB!

For UJPB questions: suchitra.suds@berkeley.edu

Website: https://ujpb.berkeley.edu
Meeting time: Mondays, 6-8pm, Wheeler 120
Course Enrollment Code: 22731

San Francisco VA Hospital PTSD Research Program
Volunteer Sleep and PTSD Research Assistant

The Stress and Health Research Program at the San Francisco VA Medical Center and the University of California San Francisco is seeking volunteer Research Assistants to assist with research studies focused on PTSD. The Research Assistant will be responsible for assisting with the day-to-day operations of research projects on PTSD and sleep. Commitment to assisting with evening research activities involving data collection is required. The research assistant will perform duties including: primarily telephone screenings with potential participants for eligibility purposes; cleaning and organizing self-report and physiological data; data entry; recruitment procedures such as preparing and sending recruitment messages; and assisting in tracking participants participating in studies. Additional activities, depending on time and duration of commitment, may involve administration of the study protocol including guiding and supporting participants through study visits, administration of cognitive testing; and other research-related tasks necessary for implementation of the studies, such as literature reviews, table/slide construction, collection of relevant documents; and general office management.

The ideal candidate will:
● Be in a BA/BS degree program in psychology, pre-med or a related field
● Possess strong interpersonal and oral communication skills
● Possess familiarity with diagnostic and therapeutic issues related to PTSD
● Possess prior research experience

Additionally:
● Preference will be given to first- and second-year students with a strong interest in pursuing undergraduate research
● Prior experience in clinical settings is desirable
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- Commitment to working four weekend evenings per month is required (Two Saturday evenings and the other evenings would be a Friday or Sunday evening depending on staff/study participant needs)
- Ability to work flexibly in-person and remote with the needs of the lab
- Minimum time commitment is 8 hours per week
- 1-year commitment is required

If you are interested in applying for this position, please email a cover letter and resume to the emily.staggs@va.gov with the subject heading PTSD Volunteer Research Assistant.

**Graduate Students in Search of Undergraduate Research Assistants**

The Berkeley Social Interaction lab, led by Professor Dacher Keltner, is looking for summer research assistants to assist with a study on the experiences people have when they take psychedelics. We are looking for a 10hr/week minimum time commitment over the summer and interest in continuing to work next fall is preferred. Research assistants' primary responsibility will be qualitative data coding, which will involve reading first-hand descriptions of psychedelic experiences and identifying the presence of certain themes and emotions. If you are interested, please contact Tyrone (tironesr@berkeley.edu) for more details!