

Treating Emotion and Motivational Processes Transdiagnostically (TEMPT) Prospective Research Assistant Information

The information here can give you some indication if TEMPT is a good fit for you

Duties (subject to change as new studies are developed):

- Research assistants in TEMPT spend most of their research time running participants through research studies. These studies were typically between half an hour and an hour and a half, and participants sometimes experienced a mood induction (e.g. we tried to get participants to experience a positive or negative mood) and tasks that measure self-control, risk-taking or emotion regulation. RAs walked the participant through the study, managed issues that arise, recorded results/responses and kept accurate records of the session
- When there are not participant sessions to run, research assistants work on transcribing emotion interviews, coding qualitative studies and doing other lab tasks as requested by Dr. V or the grad students
- Some data entry/data management may be required; we do ecological momentary assessment studies which are data-intensive
- Attendance at a one-hour lab meeting is required if schedule permits (note: lab meetings scheduled around student schedules whenever possible)

Specifics:

- Minimum two-semester lab commitment, the first one for credit (7 hours per week; 6 hours plus 1 hour of lab meeting)
 - Typical student registers Pass/Fail; grade option is available for extra work

Desired characteristics:

- Independent: RAs are often responsible for running participants with minimal oversight, though a graduate student is often available if needed
- Communicative: mistakes are human, willingness to admit them and communicate errors quickly and fully is desired
- Comfort with distress
- Detail-oriented
- Reliable and dependable
- Intellectually curious!

Opportunities

- Potential conference presentation involvement for motivated students
- Professional development/grad school preparation