

Information for Undergraduate Students

Desired Knowledge and Skills:

Family Attachment Lab undergraduate team members are expected to be hard-working, dedicated, and responsible students who have an interest in research on child development, attachment relationships, and family functioning in middle childhood. Prior completion of PSYC 2317, PSYC 2950, PSYC 3620 & PSYC 3640 and working knowledge of statistical software (SPSS) and word processing software is preferred.

Benefits of Joining the Family Attachment Lab Undergraduate Research Team:

Undergraduate research experience, although not required, is a valuable asset to those who have an interest in working with or studying children and families and applying to graduate school in psychology or a related field (social work, marriage and family therapy). The research experience that you gain as an undergraduate gives you a “competitive edge” against other graduate school applicants who do not have the same experience. It is also a great opportunity for you to use and advance the knowledge you have learned in your psychology and research/statistics classes up until this point.

Undergraduate Research Assistant Responsibilities:

Undergraduate team members are required to commit to a minimum of two (2) semesters as a research assistant in the lab, you will also be required to register for two credit hours as part of a research team “class” that we offer in the long semesters (Fall and Spring). We ask for approximately 7-10 hours per week of work in the lab, including assisting with data collection (sometimes during evening and weekend hours) and data entry, as well as other activities, such as recruitment of families from the community to participate in our study. You will serve as a research assistant to graduate students on our team and will work closely with children and families, computers/technology, audio-visual equipment, and software programs such as SPSS and multiple Microsoft Office software applications.

Research assistants will be responsible for managing privileged and confidential information and will be prohibited from discussing lab matters and related information outside of our research facilities and meetings. A serious commitment to the lab is essential. Undergraduates are also responsible for attending weekly research team meetings that will convey the expectations of the lab on any given week (as tasks and responsibilities change quite frequently).