Ohio Study

General Field of the Project: Psychology

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Project Description: We are embarking on a multi-year study of adolescent neural development and health. The study merges sociological and neuroscience approaches to better understand how neighborhood environments change the brain and impact decision-making (e.g. substance abuse) and health-relevant physiology (e.g. the immune system). We need assistance with the data collection and recordkeeping for the functional MRI component of the study. Therefore, we are looking for several undergraduate research assistants who are good at organization and have an eye for detail. (There is a dedicated team of staff interviewers who will be recruiting and interviewing the teenage participants and their parents in their homes, so we would not need research assistants in this portion of the study). Research credit available.

Position Description

- Maintain and organize participant records and data
- Send reminder emails and conduct reminder phone calls to participants scheduled to come in for sessions
- Assist in data collection (handling and storing samples)
- Maintain communication with other lab members to ensure quality of data
- Learn basic programming (i.e., eprime) to assist in data collection, compilation, and cleaning
- Maintain professionalism when communicating with participants and exhibit respect and confidentiality with all participants and guests of the lab

GPA/Major Requirements: Solid GPA (3.4+). Fresh undergraduates are likely more preferable because we need some RAs to stick around to assist with this lengthy project.

Time Commitment: 8-10 hours per week, may fluctuate. Would likely start training at the end of this semester and ramp up in the summer. Summer availability preferred.

Compensation: Volunteer, work-study, and academic credit.

To Apply: Contact Zoey Butka (Lab Manager) at butka.1@osu.edu with attached resume and completed application.