**Cognitive Development Lab Research Assistant Position**

**Research in the *Cognitive Development Lab*.** Our research team studies the development of infant and children’s visual attention and information processing to better understand what they are learning from their environment and how this changes with age. This work includes the investigation of the development of social and nonsocial information processing in typically developing infants and children, and those at an increased risk for autism spectrum disorders (ASD). Research in the Cognitive Development Lab utilizes behavioral and neuroscience measures and aims to: (1) define the developmental trajectory of social and nonsocial information processing in infancy, (2) identify neural mechanisms contributing to differences in responses to social and nonsocial stimuli, and (3) determine overlap and divergence within the development of information processing across infants at low and high risk for ASD.

**Requirements for research assistants:**

* Spend 8-10 hours per week in the lab.
* Devote at least 2 semesters to working with the research team.
* Maintain at least a 3.5 overall GPA.
* Complete Introduction to Psychology (or equivalent course) prior to volunteering.
* Attend biweekly lab meetings.

**Preference will be given to:**

* Psychology or Neuroscience majors
* Freshmen, sophomores and juniors
* Students who have experience working with children
* Students who have taken Introduction to Neuroscience, Developmental Psychology and Research Methods

**Responsibilities:**

* Recruit participants for studies
* Help design and create stimuli to be used in studies
* Run studies with infants and children
* Help process and code data
* Attend and contribute to lab meetings

***If you meet these qualifications and are interested in applying, please complete the application on the next page.***

**Cognitive Development Lab Research Assistant Application**

Please send your completed application to Dr. Maggie Guy (mguy5@luc.edu) along with a copy of your unofficial transcript.

**Name:**

**Email:**

**Current class standing** (e.g., freshman)**:**

**Major(s):**

**Minor(s):**

**Cumulative GPA:**

*Please provide short answers (1-4 sentences) to the questions below.*

Work Experience

1. Do you have any research experience? If so, please describe your responsibilities.
2. Are you involved with any clubs or organization (such as volunteer work, sports, or student groups)? If so, please describe your responsibilities/participation in these activities.
3. Do you have any relevant work/volunteer experience? If so, please describe your responsibilities.
4. Do you have experience working with children? If so, please describe the age of the children you have worked with, and in what capacity.

Interests

1. Why do you want to be a research assistant in this lab?
2. What are your interests within the fields of Psychology and/or Neuroscience?
3. What are your goals after graduation?

Work Ethic

1. What do you think you can contribute to our research team?
2. What is the most challenging experience you’ve had in a work/school setting?

Availability

1. Please list which semesters you are hoping to volunteer for (fall, spring, summer).
2. If you know your schedule for the semester for which you are applying, please indicate general times that you expect to be available.

Please feel free to include any extra information you think is important that this application may not have covered!