



DREAM LAB

Research Assistant Application

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<https://galanlab.org/projects>

RESEARCH ASSISTANT APPLICATION

Thank you for your interest in joining the DREAM lab! We are looking to bring on driven and self-starting research assistants who are interested in experientially learning how to conduct community-based and culturally relevant research. Our aim is to strengthen your research skills and prepare you for either future internship opportunities and/or graduate work. Please answer the following questions thoroughly and thoughtfully and ensure the responses are error-free (attention to detail is very important to us!). Email your completed application to Dr. Galán (cag6443@psu.edu) and lab manager Blanca García Rodríguez (bvg5454@psu.edu).

Before you complete the application, please confirm that you can commit to the following requirements:

(1) Before continuing with the application, we want you to know that in this research we discuss many sensitive and challenging topics, including racism, anti-racism, discrimination, and mental health. Only individuals who can be respectful of the experiences of others (e.g., including sexual and gender identity) are allowed to interact with participants. Do you wish to be considered for potential in-person contact with participants?

- ☐ NO
☐ YES

(2) We require research assistants to volunteer for at least two consecutive semesters (e.g., Summer and Fall; Fall & Spring; Spring & Summer). Is this something you're able to commit to?

- ☐ NO
☐ YES

(3) We require research assistants to volunteer in the lab for a minimum of 10 hours per week during the academic year and 15 hours per week during the summer. Is this something you're able to commit to?

- ☐ NO
☐ YES

(4) Most of our participants are parents and adolescents. This means that they are typically only available on weekends or weekday evenings due to school and work commitments. Thus, we ask our volunteers to have three weekends a month (e.g., two Saturdays and one Sunday) and one weekday evening when they are available to assist with assessments.

Are you available three weekends a month from 9am-1pm or 12-4pm?

- ☐ NO
☐ YES

Are you available at least 1-2 times per week between 4-8pm (Monday-Friday)?

- ☐ NO
☐ YES

If you answered 'yes' to all questions, please proceed with the rest of the application!!

CONTACT & DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Name (First, Last):

Date:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Date of Birth:

Gender Pronouns:

Race: A

Ethnicity:

Do you speak any languages other than English? If so, please indicate your fluency level.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Name of University/College:

Expected Graduation
Date:

GPA:

Major:

Minor (if any):

AVAILABILITY

Will you be available during any summer breaks between now and your expected graduation date?

Are there any spring or fall semesters when you WON'T be at University Park due to a study abroad trip, internship, etc.? If yes, please tell us when you'll be gone.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE, INTERESTS, AND SKILLS

Please describe your previous research experience(s), including who supervised your experience. If you have prior research experience, what are you looking to get from your experience in our lab that you haven't obtained in prior ones?

If you don't have research experience, type N/A. Please note that prior research experience is not required!

Please describe your previous experience(s) working with children. Please note that prior experience working with children is not required.

CAREER GOALS

What are your long-term career goals?

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Why do you want to become involved in this research lab? Please describe your overall goals/interests.

Is there anything else you would like me to know?

Note: When you are finished, please email your completed application along with a copy of your resume/CV, a copy of your transcript, a copy of your current class schedule, and a list of three professional references to Dr. Galán (cag6443@psu.edu) and Blanca García Rodríguez (bvg5454@psu.edu). If you are a first semester freshman, please send a copy of your high school transcript.