

Research Assistant Application
Trauma and Healing Lab
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We are seeking research assistants (RAs) for the studies in the Trauma and Healing Lab, in which we aim to study the short- and long-term consequences of trauma and violence exposure across development, as well as the various influences of our individual characteristics and environmental contexts on outcomes of trauma and violence.

Read the following information before submitting your RA application. Please be sure to follow all directions and complete all information for your application to be considered.

- Tasks may include (but are not limited to) participant recruitment and enrollment, data management (e.g., data entry, data cleaning through Excel/SPSS, monitoring electronic data collection), collecting data from children, adolescents, and adults, coding responses, literature searches, participation in lab meetings, and presenting on research conducted.
- Participation in the lab requires a minimum commitment of **10 hours per week**. You may not work 10 hours every week; however, as data collection efforts and lab meetings ramp up, the expectation is that you will be available for a minimum of 10 hours per week. These hours do not always require to be in-person (e.g., may work from home, office).
- Participation in the lab also requires a minimum two-semester commitment (Fall/Spring terms). If the experience is mutually beneficial, students may choose to stay longer.
- Applicants with the following qualities will be given the highest consideration: interest/match between student goals and goals of the research lab, professionalism (e.g., communication skills, responsibility, timeliness), motivation and openness to learning and feedback, curiosity, and a demonstrated commitment to the lab.

If you agree to commit to these responsibilities and are interested in gaining research experience in the Trauma and Healing Lab, please complete this form electronically and submit it to me via email at agrabow@csusm.edu. Completion and submission of this form means: 1) you are able to commit to the requirements listed above, 2) I have your consent to check your transcript online through our system to verify the information you provide. Please email me any additional transcripts from other institutions.

I will contact you via email to verify that I have received your application, and let you know of any next steps.

Application Form

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

Overall GPA:

Psychology GPA:

Major:

Minor (if relevant):

1. Describe your reason(s) for seeking research experience at this time.
2. Describe why you are interested in participating in the Trauma and Healing lab specifically.
3. What are your thoughts about possible plans and career goals for your future? How does participation in this lab contribute to those plans?
4. Describe any internships, independent studies, or research projects that you've done, and/or any previous research experience in a lab (include your instructor/supervisor's name, when/where taken, grade received if any).
5. Describe any academic honors/awards (including honorary society memberships, scholarships, etc.) you have received. Note when/where received, and what the award was for.

6. Describe any other work-related experience you have had, and how this experience could contribute to your role as a research assistant in the lab.

7. The lab utilizes various technologies to collect and analyze data (e.g., Microsoft Office, social media (Twitter, Tiktok, Facebook, Instagram), Qualtrics, SPSS). Describe your experience and proficiency with technology, software, and/or social media, listing specific examples.

8. Describe any other skills, specializations, languages spoken, etc. that you believe could contribute to your role as a research assistant in the lab.

9. When do you plan to graduate? Note that some graduates choose to continue to work in labs as volunteers after they graduate to continue to build research experience.