

Black Health Lab Undergraduate Research Assistant (RA) Application

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Thank you for your interest in an undergraduate research assistant position in the Black Health Lab. We look forward to considering your application. There are two steps to the application - a first round of questions and a second round of questions. Those who are selected to move forward to the next round will receive the second round of questions to answer at that point.

Please submit your completed application via email to blackhealthlab@ncsu.edu by the deadline. You should expect to receive notification if we have declined your application or if you have been selected for the second application round within 3 weeks of the deadline. If you have not heard back after three weeks please email blackhealthlab@ncsu.edu

FIRST ROUND APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Please complete the following information.

Basic Information about You:

- 1) Full Name:
- 2) NCSU email address:
- 3) Year (first-year, sophomore, junior, senior):
- 4) Major(s) and minor(s):
- 5) Have you taken the required research methods course in psychology (i.e., PSY 230)?
 - Yes
 - No
- 6) Have you had any previous formal research assistant positions?
 - Yes
Name and email address of my supervisor:
Describe your position:
 - No
- 7) As of right now, what are your plans for post-graduation? (e.g., PhD program, medical school, master's program, gap year, working in industry, undecided, etc.)

Information About Your Qualifications:

Please agree to not use artificial intelligence (AI) to answer any of these questions (tools such as but not limited to ChatGPT, Copy AI, Gemini). Write responses in your own words, in your own voice, and with your own ideas so we can get to know you.

- I agree
 - I do not agree
- 1) What about conducting psychological research interests you? Be specific.
 - 2) We are particularly interested in research assistants who can help us successfully recruit Black individuals on campus to participate in our research studies. What unique skills, resources, and capabilities in successful recruitment do you have to offer? Be specific.
 - 3) We are particularly interested in research assistants who readily receive feedback and are motivated to constantly improve their skills and professional development. What

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unique skills, resources, and capabilities in receiving feedback to guide your improvement do you have to offer? Be specific.

Information About Your Availability:

- 1) Are you able to complete at least 6 hours of in-person supervised research work in the laboratory per week, with the majority of these hours being between 9am and 6pm Monday to Friday?
 - Yes
 - No
- 2) Are you able to complete 9 hours of in-person supervised research work in the laboratory per week, with the majority of these hours being between 9am and 6pm Monday to Friday?
 - Yes
 - No
- 3) Are you able to attend a weekly mandatory in-person laboratory group meeting in Cox Hall on Wednesdays from 2pm to 3pm starting the first week of the semester and ending the last week of the semester?
 - Yes
 - No
- 4) If offered the position, I would need to complete my lab hours remotely rather than in-person.
 - Yes
 - No
- 5) Do you have any personal or professional time constraints (for example: a part-time job, living far away from campus, traveling for sports team participation, another research assistant position, overload on courses) that would prevent you from completing all your hours or making the most of this position?
 - Yes
Please describe:
 - No

Information about Your Preferences and Goals:

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- I agree
 - I do not agree
1. Beyond knowledge, what tangible things do you hope to gain from being an undergraduate research assistant in the laboratory? Be specific.
 2. Are there certain research tasks that you are ***not interested in*** completing? Be specific.
 3. Are there certain research tasks that you are ***especially interested in*** completing? Be specific.
 4. Describe the qualities and behaviors of a laboratory research mentor/supervisor that would make you most successful as a research assistant. Be specific.

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5. Describe the central topic of the Black Health Lab's research in your own words.
6. Select **ONE** of the following statements that best describes your interest in the position:
 - I am looking for a research assistant position in any area of psychology so I can get the experience that I need to apply to graduate school in psychology. I am happy to do any type of research to get experience.
 - I am looking for a research assistant position in any field (e.g., psychology, biology, sociology, engineering) that is focused on Black populations for personal or professional reasons.
 - I am looking for a research assistant position in any field (e.g., psychology, biology, sociology, engineering) that is focused on studying health for personal or professional reasons.
 - I am looking for a research assistant position in psychology that is aligned with the type of research that your lab does with Black populations. I'm not interested in doing research on other topics - the topic of the research matters a lot to me for personal or professional reasons.