Child Anxiety and Mood Lab

http://louisville.edu/psychology/Bufferd

Professor: Dr. Sara Bufferd

Type of position: Research Assistant (RA); course credit or volunteer

Time commitment:
• At least two semesters (including summer when feasible); one year commitment preferred
• 10 hours per week, including weekly lab meeting
• Potential for some evening and/or weekend hours to accommodate participants’ schedules

Semesters position is available: Ongoing

Location of work: Child Anxiety and Mood Lab in Davidson Hall

Requirements:
• Interest in child anxiety and mood research
• Detail-oriented, hard-working, curious, and responsible
• Skilled in written and oral communication
• Ability to work well independently and with others
• Preferred: GPA of 3.0 or higher
• Preferred: Experience (professional or personal) with children
• Preferred: Coursework in statistics, research methods, child development, and psychopathology

Brief description of project: The lab focuses on the assessment and predictors of early-emerging psychological difficulties, and identifying the range of normative to pathological emotional development in early childhood relevant to risk for anxiety and mood dysregulation.

Specific tasks: Tasks will vary by semester, but may include coding videos of young children’s emotions and behaviors and parent/child interactions; participant recruitment, retention, and scheduling; data collection with children and families; data entry and management; and literature searches.

How to apply: E-mail SBufferd@csusm.edu your unofficial transcript, resume, and your responses to the following questions:
1. What is your reason(s) for pursuing research experience in general and in my lab in particular?
2. Describe any previous research experience in a lab and/or in a course.
3. Describe any experience (personal and/or professional) with young children (ages 3-8).
4. Are you open to considering a one-year commitment to the lab (including summer)?
5. Are you able to commit to approximately 10 hours per week in the lab?
6. Please list the names of 1-2 U of L faculty members who can give me an informal recommendation.

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