

Research Assistant (RA) Application

The Lab for Early Social Cognition (LESC)
@ the University of Maryland

Principal Investigator: Jonathan Beier, PhD

Lab Website: <http://socialkidslab.umd.edu/undergrad.html>

Description: Our research investigates the development of cognitive and social processes (including understanding and using of features from the social environment to influence social interactions, communication, and relationships) that guides reasoning about, and participation in, the social world during infancy, toddlerhood, and early childhood using a variety of measures. We use a variety of testing methods in our research, including eye-tracking and behavioral procedures. Expect your time as an RA in our lab to involve interacting with undergraduate students as well as with parents and their child or children.



INSTRUCTIONS

Please fill out the following application either by hand or electronically using Adobe only (not Preview), and return it to Suzanne, the lab coordinator, at swoller7@umd.edu.

Please fill out ALL fields, and if something does not apply to you please indicate **N/A**. Feel free to attach a resume or CV, although one is not required.

General Information

Today's Date: / / UID: _____

Personal Information

Name: _____

Last	First	MI
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Address: _____
 Street Apt / Unit #

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Cell #: _____ E-mail: _____

Current Education Information

Class Year: _____ Major: _____ Minor: _____

Overall GPA: _____ Major GPA: _____

Coursework

Please list any statistics (STAT), methodology (METH), psychology (PSYC), mathematics (MATH), biology (BIOL), natural science (NSCI), or other coursework you have taken relevant to the types of research in this lab. Use the above abbreviations to indicate the type of course.

Course name	Course number	Type of Course	Grade
Intro Psychology	PSYC 100	PSYC	

Previous Experience & Goals

Do you have prior research experience? If so, please list the dates, activities, and populations with which you have worked.

Name & Type of Prior Experience	Date(s)	Activities

Describe any past experience you might have working with infants, children, or adolescents. Please list the age groups and the nature of the experience:

Date(s)	Age(s)	Nature of Work

Please list, to the best of your abilities, your current academic and career goals:

Please describe what you hope to gain from working in the *Lab for Early Social Cognition*:

Availability

Please list days and times you are available to work during your first semester. Provide a minimum of 10 hours/week in at least 2 hour blocks. (NOTE: LESC RAs are required to work some weekend hours, which will be discussed individually with each RA.)

* **Lab RA Applicants:** Hours should be between 9 AM – 6 PM, Monday – Friday.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
AM (9 AM – 1 PM)							
PM (1 PM – 6 PM)							
Evening (6 PM – 8 PM)							

Please select the terms during which you are able to work:

- ☐ Winter Break
 ☐ Spring Semester
(late Jan – mid-May)
 ☐ Summer Break
(June – mid-Aug)
 ☐ Fall Semester
(Sept – mid-Dec)

LESC requires that RAs commit to working in the lab for at least 2 **FULL** consecutive semesters. *This may include Fall to Spring, Spring to Summer, or Spring to Fall (or any variation not including winter).* Additionally, we would love to have RAs here for the winter and summer as well. Is this a requirement you can commit to?

- ☐ Yes
 ☐ No

Are you hoping to receive course credit or gain research experience?

- ☐ Credit
 ☐ Research Experience

What is your earliest start date?

Winter Break

For winter break, it's beneficial for the lab to have undergraduates who are available to come in because we spend most January training new RAs and testing families. Typically, this is on an "as needed" or "whenever available" basis.

Will you be available to work WINTER BREAK?

- ☐ Yes
 ☐ No