**Undergraduate Research Assistant Application**

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Robert Astur

Email: tuppett.yates@ucr.edu

Welcome and thank you for your interest in our lab! Research assistants are responsible for contributing to the UConn Behavioral Neuroscience division of the Department of Psychological Sciences, under supervision. The position is accepted with the understanding that research experiences will contribute to your professional training by providing you with knowledge and skills desirable to excel in future scientific pursuits. While research assistants are committed to performing assigned services, work can be made suitable for a thesis or dissertation research to the extent approved by the faculty advisor. Students most suitable for our lab are those who are hard working and self-motivated, willing to contribute novel ideas and approaches, can follow directions, and are passionate about expanding their knowledge of the scientific field.

**Expectations for Astur Lab undergraduate research assistants include, but are not limited to the following:**

* Availability to participate in weekly lab meetings on Thursday at 2:00pm.
* A minimal commitment of 9 hours per week, which is 3 credit hours.
* Participation in group discussions about current literature.
* Commitment to a minimum of 2 semesters in the lab.
* Ability to run experiments independently.

**If you meet these basic requirements, we encourage you to fill out the application below and submit it to Dr. Robert Astur. Please also include a writing sample from any writing class. Be sure to include a relevant resume/CV as well.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Please complete the application below.**

**Email the application, writing sample, and resume to:** [**Robert.Astur@uconn.edu**](mailto:Robert.Astur@uconn.edu)

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Name:** | |
| **Date available:** | **GPA:** |
| **UConn email:** | **Expected date of graduation:** |
| **Major/Minor:** | **Year in school:** |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| □ Yes | □ No |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| □ Storrs | □ Waterbury |

**Which campus are you applying for?**

**Are you interested in getting research credits?**

**If you checked Yes, please indicate the number of units**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**How many hours per week do you have to commit to research in our lab?**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| □ 6 - 8 | □ 9 - 11 | □ 12+ |

**Occasionally, data collection opportunities will take place in the evening and on weekends. Would you be able to work during these hours?**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| □ Yes | □ Maybe | □ No |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| □ Yes | □ No |

**Do you have any prior research experience?**

**If you checked Yes, please briefly describe your research experience.**

**Why are you interested in this position?**

**Please list any other special skills that you have that would help you as a Research Assistant (e.g., video editing, computer skills, etc.):**