**Undergraduate Research Assistant Application**

Social Psychology of Justice and Action Research Lab

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**What this Lab is About**

Dr. Bloodhart is a Social Psychologist who is largely interested in why some people care about social issues and want to do something to address them, and why some people don’t. Although this spans a variety of topics, we usually focus on issues related to gender (such as gender discrimination, women’s advancement, and sexual harassment) and sustainability/environmental harm (such as belief in climate change and engagement in sustainable consumption). There are many social psychological theories and mechanisms that inform why people might or might not care about these social issues, but current research in this lab is exploring theories related to social identity, norms, group processes, system justifications, and moral emotions.

**Who We Are Looking For**

First, we are interested in students who are interested in this research. If your heart is set on working with children with ADHD, for instance, please check out the faculty page to find a research lab working on that topic. We are also looking for motivated, detail-oriented, and hard-working undergraduates to join our lab. As a research assistant, you will help design and conduct studies, recruit participants, run in-lab experimental sessions, input, process, and analyze data, and more. Primary duties vary depending on the on-going projects, but we aim to give research assistants experience in all aspects of the research process. After you have some experience, we can talk about how you can develop your own research projects or even co-author some of ours!

**What You Can Expect in Return**

Getting hands-on experience doing research is one of the best assets to your graduate school applications! If you are interested in going on to do graduate work, you can expect that you will receive individual training on developing, conducting, analyzing, and producing research and peer-reviewed papers. We will meet weekly as a research group to read journal articles, discuss ideas, and support each other’s’ development. You can also expect that Dr. Bloodhart will write you a letter of recommendation for graduate programs or for job applications.

**Credit, Compensation, and Programs**

Typically, work in the lab is done in exchange for course credit, with an Independent Study in Psychology ([PSYC 595)](http://www.psych.nyu.edu/courses/pdfs/V89.0999.001_McMeniman.pdf), or through an Honors Research Project (PSYC 598). We require a two-term commitment to maintain consistency among research assistants for individual projects. You can choose to work 4, 8, or 12 hours per week (equivalent to 1, 2, or 3 credits). Unless under very unusual circumstances, you will be required to register for credit to work in the lab.

**If you would like to join the research lab, please complete the following information:**

Name:

Email Address:

Years of college completed:

Major (or intended major):

Current GPA:

Please indicate why you are interested in this RA position and what you can bring to the lab:

What research topics excite you most? What kind of projects or techniques would you most like to be involved in? Why?

Which, if any, courses have you taken that are related to the type of research we do? Do you think any would be relevant to becoming a research assistant (if yes, why)?

Please describe any previous research experience you might have (include type of project and duties)

Extra-curricular commitments (please indicate activity and approximate number of hours per week):

We do not expect you necessarily to have any special experience before coming to work in the lab (and that is partly why you are coming to work in the lab with us!). However, it’s helpful for us to gauge your experience with a variety of applications, methods, and languages we use:

If you already have experience with some of the following topics, how much?

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|  | No experience | Minimal experience | Moderate experience | A lot of experience |
| Excel |  |  |  |  |
| SPSS |  |  |  |  |
| R |  |  |  |  |
| Qualtrics |  |  |  |  |
| PowerPoint |  |  |  |  |
| Reading journal articles |  |  |  |  |

Have you completed a research ethics training (either at CSUSB or elsewhere)?

Have you taken Research Methods (PSYCH 311 or equivalent)? How did you do?

What are your post-college plans?

Are you in the Psychology Honors Program? Or, do you plan to apply for the Honors Program?

**Check the Quarters(s) you are interested in working in the lab:**

Winter 2020 \_\_\_ Spring 2020\_\_\_\_ Summer 2020\_\_\_\_ Fall 2020\_\_\_\_ Spring 2021\_\_\_\_ Summer 2021 \_\_\_

***Availability***

Please indicate your availability during a typical week in the upcoming quarter on the calendar below. Please include **all of your available hours** to allow for flexibility in scheduling you for times in the lab.

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| Time | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
| 8-9am |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9-10am |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10-11am |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11-12pm |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12-1pm |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1-2pm |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2-3pm |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3-4pm |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4-5pm |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5-6pm |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6-7pm |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7-8pm |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| NOTES: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |