Research Assistant Application

**BSMART Lab** ٠ **Department of Psychology** ٠ **University of Nebraska-Lincoln**

**Lab Director: Dr. Dennis McChargue**

Thank you for your interest in the BSMART Lab. Please complete the following application and email it to **Patrick Duryea (**[**pduryea2@huskers.unl.edu**](mailto:pduryea2@huskers.unl.edu)**), Alexa Barrett (**[**abarrett14@huskers.unl.edu**](mailto:abarrett14@huskers.unl.edu)**), or Jaimie Elowsky (**[**jelowsky2@huskers.unl.edu**](mailto:jelowsky2@huskers.unl.edu)**)**

Our research is broadly focused on psychological and biological mechanisms that explain substance use behaviors in a variety of populations. Read more about BSMART at our website: <https://psychology.unl.edu/cami/home>

Undergraduate RA positions for BSMART are usually volunteer/unpaid. However, there is other value to being an RA, including mentorship. After working with us for some time we can help you with personal statements, letters of recommendation from Dr. McChargue, etc. Research experiences in our lab would be great to put on CVs if you are headed to graduate school.

We collaborate and work together on many projects. We will work with your interests to help you gain the types of experiences you are seeking, as much as we possibly can. It is important to us that you get as much value out of working with BSMART as we do from you.

See below tasks you may be involved in. As you show commitment and consistent high-quality work, you can build up to more intensive research experiences, and there may or may not be opportunities for publishing posters and/or papers.

Potential responsibilities:

* Literature reviews
* Finding articles
* Building databases
* Article summaries
* Data entry
* Running studies/participants
* Exposure to SPSS or other statistical software
* Paper/poster writing

Commitment:

* Each week: typically, 3-5 hours weekly. Discussed ahead of time with the graduate student and may vary week to week.

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| **Contact Information** |
| **Name:** |
| **Email Address:** |
| **Phone Number(s):** |

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| **General Academic Information** | |
| **List your UNL ID #:** | |
| **Current Education Level:**  ***(please bold your selection)*** | Freshman / Sophomore / Junior / Senior / Post-Bac |
| **Major(s):** | |
| **Major GPA:** | |
| **Cumulative GPA:** | |
| **Anticipated Graduation Date:** | |

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| **Additional Information** | |
| **When are you interested in starting in the lab?**  ***(please be as specific as possible)*** |  |
| **How long can you commit to this position?**  ***(please indicate semesters, months, or years)*** |  |
| **What is your anticipated end date in the lab?**  ***(e.g., “Spring 2022,”, “end of summer 2023”)*** |  |
| **How many hours per week can you work?\*** |  |

\* **3 - 5 hours per week** are required for the research assistant position

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| **Relevant Coursework**  **Please list relevant coursework you have completed (e.g., statistics, abnormal psychology, developmental) and indicate your final course grade in bold. Add additional rows if necessary.** | | | | | | |
| **Course Title** | **Grade** | | | | | |
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No prior training is necessary, we just want an understanding of what programs you’ve been exposed to, if any!

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| **Computer and Technical Experience (please bold your selection)** | | | | |
| **Microsoft Excel** | None | / Minimal | / Familiar | / Proficient |
| **SPSS** | None | / Minimal | / Familiar | / Proficient |
| **MATLAB** | None | / Minimal | / Familiar | / Proficient |
| **Python** | None | / Minimal | / Familiar | / Proficient |
| **R** | None | / Minimal | / Familiar | / Proficient |
| **Other:** | None | / Minimal | / Familiar | / Proficient |

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| **Availability**  **Directions: Please indicate the times you** ARE **available to work in the lab by placing an “X” in the box under the appropriate day(s) and time(s). (*Note: 2 hour time blocks are***  ***required at minimum)*** | | | | | |
| **Time** | **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** |
| **8:00am – 9:00am** | | | | | |
| **9:00am – 10:00am** | | | | | |
| **10:00am – 11:00am** | | | | | |
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| **4:00pm – 5:00pm** | | | | | |
| **5:00pm – 6:00pm** | | | | | |
| **6:00pm – 7:00pm** | | | | | |
| **7:00pm – 8:00pm** | | | | | |
| **8:00pm – 9:00pm** | | | | | |

Why are you interested in joining the BSMART Lab?

Would you be willing to occasionally run visits with participants during weekends?

Please describe your research interests and any current or prior research experience:

Do you have experience working with substance use or underserved populations? Please describe:

What type of research experiences do you expect or hope to obtain in the lab?

What are your plans following graduation (or long-term goals if you are a post-bac)?

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