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APPLICATION FOR RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP

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Please complete all sections below. This information will be used to assess your interests and skills as a potential research assistant in the laboratory. Please also keep in mind that we require at least a 1 year commitment to the laboratory. Also keep in mind that we are a highly productive and hard working lab group with high expectations.

Name: _____ Date: _____
Home Phone (local): _____ Email (if any): _____
Work Phone (if any): _____
Year in School (please circle): FRESHMAN SOPHOMORE JUNIOR SENIOR
Current Major: _____ Current Minor (if any)? _____
If Undecided, what do you plan to major in?: _____
Current Overall GPA: _____ Psychology GPA: _____

If offered a Research Assistant Position, I would like to start as early as _____ (month/year)
If offered a Research Assistant Position, I plan to be available for at least _____ months
If offered a Research Assistant Position, I would like to work (check one box):
 1-3 Hours per week, but not more 3-6 Hours per week, but not more
 6-9 Hours per week, but not more I plan to work at least 3-6 hours per week, but will work longer hours in order to get things done

Do you want to gain research experience for course credit (i.e., 297/397)? YES NO
Would you serve as a research assistant if you were not offered course credit? YES NO

How would you describe yourself (check all that apply and then rank the top three choices in the space provided; e.g., 1 = describes me best, 2 = second best, and so on)?
____ I'm a perfectionist
____ I enjoy taking on lots of responsibility
____ I need lots of direction to get things done
____ When given a task, I work at it until it is done well
____ I enjoy taking initiative and leading others
____ I prefer to work independently
____ I take pride in my work
____ I'm highly detail oriented
____ I am a hard worker
____ When things get difficult, I tend to give up

Do you have plans to go on to graduate school for an advanced degree in psychology? YES NO (if NO, skip a-e)
a. If yes, what are of psychology most interests you at this time? _____
b. Also, what kind of degree do you plan to obtain (please check one)?
 doctorate or Ph.D. Psy.D. (Doctorate of Psychology) M.A. (Masters Degree)
 M.S.W. (Masters in Social Work) Other: _____
c. How committed are you to obtaining your short and long term career goals?
 Highly Committed Moderately Committed Somewhat Committed Not Really Committed
d. When do you plan to enter graduate school (please check one)?
 Immediately upon completion of by undergraduate work Sometime, after working for a while
 Unsure, may take time off to decide what I really want to do
e. For your chosen area of interest above, what kind of experience do you think is most relevant in preparing you to reach your graduate school and long term career goals?
 Teaching experience Teaching and Research Experience Research Experience
 Clinical Experience Combination of Teaching, Research, and Clinical Experience
 None of these, specify: _____

COMPLETE THE BACK SIDE (OVER)

Briefly describe your past research experience (if any), and note any special skills you might have (e.g., word processing, data entry and analyses, library searches, helping with design or experiments, etc.)

Please briefly describe your reasons for wanting to do research at this time in this laboratory, as well as your short and long term academic or career plans.

Please describe anything else about yourself that you feel may help us to evaluate your application for a Research Assistant Position?

Below is a list of general skills that you may have or will learn by participating in this research laboratory. For now, please check those skills that you already feel competent in doing:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Using Windows 95 (IBM PC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Using SPSS Statistical Package |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Doing Library Searches | <input type="checkbox"/> Doing Psychlit and Medline Searches |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Understand Ethics of Research | <input type="checkbox"/> Performing Data entry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Familiar with Psychophysiological Assessment | <input type="checkbox"/> Scoring and Interpretation of Self-Report Measures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Working with Human Subjects | <input type="checkbox"/> Working with Clinical (psychiatric) Populations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Planning or designing of research | <input type="checkbox"/> Assisting in Writing Published Papers as Coauthor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preparing Conference Presentations (posters) | <input type="checkbox"/> Presenting Conference Papers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psychophysiological Assessment and Measurement | <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Programming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (please list other skills you may have that are relevant) | |

NOTE ABOUT SELECTION CRITERIA:

1. All applications will be reviewed for consideration.
2. Potential candidates who show background and fit with our research program and activities will be contacted by Dr. Forsyth or one of his staff to set up an interview. Thus, if your application meets selection criteria (i.e., a minimum of a 1 year commitment and strong GPA), then you will be contacted by phone or email.
3. We seek the best and most highly motivated candidates and research assistants. Thus, being selected as a research assistant is highly competitive.