

Summer Research Assistant – Mindfulness Assisted Psychedelic Therapy Study

University of Southern California (USC) | Full-time, 40 hours/week | Summer Position

Position Description

The Cahn Lab at the University of Southern California is seeking a full-time Summer Research Assistant (RA) to support ongoing research during the summer 2026 term. The RA will primarily work on the **Mindfulness Assisted Psychedelic Therapy (MAPT) Study**, a multidisciplinary project at the intersection of clinical psychology, cognitive neuroscience, and computational neuroscience. This is an in-person position based in the lab at USC. The position will be roughly 40-hours per week and will run from June 1st to August 14th. Due to study scheduling, working odd hours, including weekends and evenings may be necessary. The RA will gain hands-on experience across multiple stages of the research process, including participant-facing coordination, EEG data collection and analysis, and biological sample processing.

Important: This is an unpaid RA position, and any interested applicants are encouraged to apply for funds from their respective institutions.

Responsibilities

Responsibilities may include, but are not limited to, assisting with EEG acquisition and analysis; supporting wet lab blood processing procedures; conducting participant-facing coordination, including screening participants for recruitment; assisting with data organization, quality control, and documentation; and supporting general lab operations related to ongoing studies.

Qualifications

Required: Enrollment in or recent completion of an undergraduate or graduate program; coursework and/or research experience in psychology, neuroscience, cognitive science, computational neuroscience, or a related field; strong organizational skills and attention to detail; and comfort working with human research participants.

Preferred: Prior research experience in a lab setting, Familiarity with EEG, clinical research, or biological sample handling, Demonstrated interest in mindfulness, psychedelics, clinical psychology, or related areas, Strong communication skills and ability to work collaboratively.

Application Materials: Resume or CV, Unofficial transcript, One letter of recommendation, Contact information for two additional references.

Please complete the application here if interested: <https://forms.gle/fmguwosAKPNGfxbqZ>