

**Undergraduate Research Assistant- Paid**

Job #:

Employer: Center for Healthy Minds

Pay: \$10

Category: Research

# of Positions: 1

On Busline?: Yes

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Deadline:

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**Description:**

We are currently accepting applications for a summer research position at the Center for Healthy Minds at UW-Madison under the direction of Dr. Christy Wilson-Mendenhall. We offer a flexible paid internship position starting in May or June 2019 and ending in August 2019, with the likelihood to extend into subsequent semesters. This position is ideal for undergraduates who are interested in conducting research at the intersection of social psychology, cognitive psychology, contemplative practice, and emotion. Interns are involved in conducting studies, acquiring data, scoring and analyzing data, and attending weekly lab meetings. This internship is ideal for those interested in pursuing a graduate degree in psychology, neuroscience, or medicine. Individuals hoping to complete a senior thesis project or interested in working with data are encouraged to apply. Hours will range from 20 to 35 hours a week, depending on tasks and availability.

Founded by world-renowned neuroscientist Richard J. Davidson, the Center for Healthy Minds is a global leader in conducting novel research that has revolutionized how we understand the mind, our emotions, and how to nurture well-being for ourselves and others. We are conveniently located by the Kohl Center and Gordon Commons but have workstations in the Brogden Psychology Department and in the Waisman Center.

**Applicant requirements:**

- Good problem-solving and troubleshooting skills
- Outstanding verbal and written communication skills
- Strong note-taking and documentation skills
- Ability to multitask and adjust priorities as requested
- Interest in taking a leadership role on specific projects
- Punctual and reliable

**Preferred skills:**

- Coursework in psychology methods and statistics
- Experience with R, Matlab, or similar software
- Experience working in a research lab, preferably with human participants
- Experience reading and reviewing scientific literature

Skills to be gained:

- Interdisciplinary expertise at the intersection of psychology and contemplative traditions (e.g., mindfulness and meditation practices)
- Experience working as part of a scientific research team
- Experience with large-scale online data collection
- Experience with data management and analysis
- Experience with literature review and study design

Supervisors: Christy Wilson-Mendenhall, Ph.D.