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LING/SPAN 496: Research Assistantship Language Acquisition Lab



Come join us!!!! We are looking for highly motivated undergraduate students to work with us in our lab! Undergraduate students can apply for a volunteer internship position in the Language Acquisition Lab for academic credit (9 hours/week for 3 credits of SPAN 496 or LING 496). If you are interested in participating in our lab, please send a statement of interest to Dr. Karen Miller at kxm80@psu.edu. Please write 'Undergraduate Research Assistant' as the email subject title.

Objectives: Participation in the lab will give students experience in the scientific research process, with particular attention to research in linguistics and first language acquisition. This experience is most beneficial to students interested in linguistics, early education (pre-k – 6), or speech-language pathology.

Qualifications: No previous research experience is necessary. What is essential is that you are an enthusiastic and highly motivated learner who possesses good organizational and interpersonal skills, and who works well independently and also as part of a research team.

Requirements: Students will be asked to complete a variety of tasks related to research in first language acquisition, including (but not limited to) literature reviews, library investigations, experimental stimuli development, recruitment of research participants, data collection with children and adults, management of research studies, data coding and entry, and some statistical analysis. Students will be given the appropriate training before each one of these tasks and should expect to devote an average of **9 hours per week** toward these responsibilities, either during scheduled lab hours or on their own time.

We hope to hear from you!