UC Davis Language Learning Lab Research Assistant Information

Requirements:
1. Three quarter commitment, 9-10 hours a week. These 9 hours are broken down into 2-3 shifts throughout the week. [Strong preference given to those who can commit to 10 hours/week for the first quarter, due to all of the training required]. Summer availability highly preferred, & preference for research assistants to stay beyond three quarters.
2. Attendance at weekly lab meeting is typically required for new members (usually takes place on Fridays). No lab meeting set for Summer Quarter.
3. One additional shift per quarter of 4 hours. This extra shift is usually on Saturday but may also be on a weekday, and hours from this shift can be used to take time off during the quarter.
4. 3.0 GPA typically required.
5. Prior experience with children/infants strongly preferred.
6. Respectful and hardworking character traits with a willingness to learn many new tasks.

Weekly Tasks May Include (Everyone has different specializations):
1. Making phone calls/sending emails and scheduling appointments
2. Running infant/toddler appointments, which includes interacting with both parents and infants, explaining studies to parents, and watching the participant’s sibling(s)
3. Coding/analyzing data, ranging from infant eye gaze data to audio speech samples data
4. Administering/processing vocabulary & language questionnaires
5. Meetings to discuss new research ideas, research articles, and conduct research presentations
6. Maintaining general lab cleanliness
7. Stuffing and mailing envelopes for participant recruitment
8. Miscellaneous creative and organizational projects
9. Opportunity to present in the Undergrad Research Conference in Spring Quarter

Benefits of Being a Member of Our Team:
1. Very friendly, supportive, understanding team consisting of research assistants, Lab Manager, Graduate students and Dr. Graf Estes = good networking opportunities.
2. Great preparation for graduate school.
3. Greater knowledge of research, particularly in the infant language and cognitive domains, and opportunities to shape research in this lab
4. Opportunities to take on some leadership roles with time and experience
5. Experience personal and social growth
6. Learn new tasks such as how to operate various online and coding programs/software.
7. PSC199 Course credit; 9-10 hours/week = 3 units/quarter. Can do additional 3 hours/unit if need the extra units. *Tentative (may not able each quarter) of receiving PSC 180 credit for letter grading with a bit of outside homework/research.