

STUDENT LABOR POSITION DESCRIPTION**Psychology**

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Position Title: Student Research Assistant
Must work 0-5 hrs/wk.

I. Grade Level: 2-4**II. Description:**

- A.** The following are the essential duties for a Research Assistant in the Psychology Department:

Each research assistantship is allocated differently, depending on research needed at the time of hiring. Some examples of past duties are

1. Developing a web site on the Berea College homepage.
2. Working in Dr. Messer's laboratory with the possibility of moving to fulltime work the following semester.
3. Assisting in one or another of the various lab or office assistant positions as needed.
4. If a major in experimental psychology, and hired in summer, may work on departmental research project; this can include assisting with the writing of papers for publication (with credit as co-author given to the student).

- B.** The following are *possible additional* duties for this position:

1. See that the workplace and environs are clean.

III. Learning Opportunities:

- A.** If Grade 2, develop the attributes appropriate to Grade 2 positions: learn to take personal responsibility; apply knowledge to a situation; self-identify skills, talents, interests and limitations; learn and develop confidence in skills or program knowledge; and appreciate work as a process as well as a product.
- B.** If Grade 3, develop the attributes appropriate to Grade 3 positions: an understanding of the importance of initiative; awareness of job-related needs; ability to identify problems; analytical ability; problem-solving ability; and an understanding of the role of standards and leaders.
- C.** If Grade 4, develop the attributes appropriate to Grade 4 positions: an understanding of relations between individuals, institutions, and processes; comprehension of job-related values, realities, and goals; a commitment to service; and the ability to articulate and interpret observations, experiences, and understanding.

IV. Basic Qualifications:

These vary with the nature of the assistantship and work needed. Please inquire with department.

V. Desirable Qualifications:

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VI. Narrative Summary:

Student provided highly responsible assistance with one of a variety of departmental research, office, or laboratory needs.