**Gaesser Lab**

**Research Assistant Application**

Thank you for expressing interest in working in the Gaesser Lab!

We are strongly committed to undergraduate mentorship, providing training that will sharpen students' empirical-based decision making skills and help prepare them for educational and job opportunities beyond undergrad. We are interested in working with motivated and bright students in an intellectually rigorous but friendly and supportive environment.

If you would like to join our lab, please respond to the questions below. Please answer honestly and to the best of your ability. Depending on the research needs of the lab, we may reach out to you to schedule an interview, though we may be unable to get back to every application. This process is intended to ensure that we have all the information we need to best match Research Assistants (RAs) with specific projects for each semester.

Application instructions:

1. Complete the entire application by answering all questions below
2. Save your completed application as a .pdf, naming the document “YourLastName\_Application.pdf”
3. Submit your application along with a CV (named “YourLastName\_CV”) to [gaesserlab@gmail.com](mailto:gaesserlab@gmail.com) in an email with the subject “YourName RA Application.”

If you have any questions, please email [gaesserlab@gmail.com](mailto:gaesserlab@gmail.com). We look forward to hearing from you!

-Gaesser Lab

1. Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. Year in School:

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|  | Freshman, 1st year |
|  | Sophomore, 2nd year |
|  | Junior, 3rd year |
|  | Senior, 4th year |
|  | Super Senior, 5th year |
|  | Other (please explain): |
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|  | Transfer (please state your current year and the year in which you transferred.) |
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3. Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. Honors Student? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

5. About how many hours a week would you like to work in the lab? You may indicate either a single number of hours or a range: \_\_\_\_\_\_

6. Which semesters(s) would you be available to do research? Check all that apply.

\_\_\_ Fall \_\_\_ Spring

7. Are you interested in (or potentially interested in) doing a thesis? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Maybe

8. What commitments and extracurricular activities do you usually participate in? About how many hours does each commitment require each week?

9. Why are you applying for this position? Why are you interested in being a research assistant?

10. Do you have any prior research experience? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

11. If yes, please describe your prior experience. For example: Do you have experience creating experimental stimuli, running participants, and/or analyzing data?

12. Please rate your proficiency using each of the following software on a 7 point scale (1 = no experience, 4 = can perform basic tasks, 7 = can perform advanced and specialized tasks with ease):

* Word: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Excel: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* SPSS: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Powerpoint: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* R: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* MediaLab: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* SPM: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Matlab: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* E-Prime: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Qualtrics: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

13. Do you have any computer programming experience? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

14. If yes, what did you program and in what languages?

15. Please list any other relevant experience. For example: Do you have experience working on a long-term project before that required a lot of organization and responsibility? Do you have experience working with people?

16. What are you planning on doing after you graduate?

17a. Please highlight below what topics/projects you are interested in (see lab website and publications for more details on each topic):

* Social Functions of Remembering the Past (i.e., Episodic Memory)
* Imagining the Future (i.e., Episodic Simulation)
* Moral Cognition
* Social Decision-Making
* Empathy
* Everyday Altruism (e.g., Charitable Donations).

17b. Is there a particular research project you are interested in working on or person you would like to work with in the lab? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

17c. If yes, which project/researcher? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

17d. Please say a few words about why these topics are interesting to you.

18a. What was the last album you listened to?: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

18b. …movie you watched?: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

18c. …book you read?: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

19. Thank you for taking the time to provide the requested information. We will try to contact you as soon as we can. In case we cannot accommodate you at this time, would you like for us to contact you about any future positions?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, please contact me as positions become available.

\_\_\_\_\_ No, I will not be available in future semesters.