


The Psychology Department

THE RESEARCH PANEL

11/11/19

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Agenda

- ❖ How to get involved in research
- ❖ Faculty research programs and labs
- ❖ Q & A

Academic Year Research Opportunities

- Psyc 25. Research Design & Analysis [*abs*]
- Research Practicum Courses [*abs*, *SC*]

Research Practicum in...	Instructor
Psyc 101. Political Psychology	Blanchar
Psyc 102. Perception & Cognition	Durgin
Psyc 103. Behavioral Neuropharmacology	Schneider
Psyc 104. Language & Mind	Grodner
Psyc 105. Psychology & Neuroscience	Norris
Psyc 107. Developmental Psychology	Flaherty
Psyc 108. Clinical Psychology	Siev
Psyc 109. Well-Being	Gillham
Psyc 110. Cognitive Neuroscience	Ezzyat

- Psyc 94. Independent Research [*abs*]
- Senior Thesis (e.g., Psyc 96/97, Psyc 180) [*SC*]
- Psyc 98. Senior Research Project [*SC*]

- Research Volunteer

Key:

abs = available to students
before the senior year

SC = fulfills the senior
comprehensive requirement
when taken in the senior year

Summer Research Fellowships at Swarthmore

Work in faculty member's lab for 10 weeks

- Research experience in area of psychology of interest
- Start work that leads into a senior thesis
- Information about Psychology Labs:
<https://www.swarthmore.edu/psychology/labs>

To apply...

1. Identify and meet with faculty advisor

- Develop idea for project collaboratively
- Reach out to potential advisors soon
- Strong applications take time; Work to develop your plan (this semester)

2. Application due Feb 5, 2020

- Link to application: <https://www.swarthmore.edu/summer-research-opportunities>

Summer Research at Other Institutions

Work in a lab at another university for 10 weeks

- Research experience in area of psychology of interest

To find and apply for opportunities

- See the job/internships section of Psyc Dept Resources page.
 - <https://www.swarthmore.edu/psychology/job-internship-and-graduate-school-resources>
- Ask faculty in relevant areas if they know of anything
- Email researchers at other institutions whose work interests you
- Apply for position through the other institution

Funding

- From Other Institution
- Swarthmore Summer Fellowship (limited number). **Application due Feb 5, 2020**

Summer Research Swarthmore versus Other Institution

Why Swarthmore?

- Rising seniors can sometimes start on thesis work (typically not possible otherwise)
- Typically receive closer mentorship/supervision from faculty member

Why Other Institution(s)?

- Research areas and methods that may not be available at Swarthmore

Junior Year: Lining up a Thesis

Fall semester & early spring semester

- Identify potential supervisors, consider
 - Classes you've taken
 - Areas of interest
 - Lab descriptions
 - Presentations this evening
- Reach out to potential supervisors soon
 - this semester if you are interested in applying for a summer research fellowship
- Meet with potential thesis supervisor(s)
 - discuss opportunities in their lab and your interests
 - Work collaboratively to develop a plan for the thesis

Faculty do NOT expect you to come to a meeting with a plan for your project

Junior Year: Lining up a Thesis

Deadline for identifying thesis advisor

- If hoping to work in their lab this summer: this semester
- Otherwise: February, if possible
- Final deadline: in advance of April pre-registration

*A faculty member must agree to supervise your thesis
BEFORE you can enroll in thesis.*

Start the process soon

- It can take time to figure out which lab is a good fit
- You may need to reach out to a few faculty members.
- The faculty member you most want to work with may not be available (sabbatical leave, already supervising 2-3 students, etc.).

Research Practica Courses - Spring 2020

Psyc 107. RP in Developmental Psychology (Flaherty)

1 credit.

Prerequisite = Psyc 25 RDA; Psyc 39 Developmental Psychology

Tuesdays, Thursdays 9:55 – 11:10 AM

Psyc 109A. RP in Social & Emotional Well-Being (Gillham)

0.5 credits.

Prerequisite = Psyc 25 RDA

Wednesdays 9:00-10:20 AM