

Student Application for Research Assistant Position - SAMPLE

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Major: **Psychology**
Minor: **Undetermined**
GPA: **3.5**
Applying for position number:* **F09-001**

*a separate application must be submitted for each position you're applying for!

Have you/will you apply for other URCA Research Assistant positions this semester? If yes, please list all position numbers:
F09-002, F09-007

Briefly describe your research interests:

Anything related to health psychology: weight management, smoking cessation, seat belt use, etc. I am interested in learning more about personality factors that contribute to healthy versus unhealthy habits.

Briefly describe your career goals:

Ultimately I would like to obtain my masters in Clinical Adult Psychology and open a private practice specializing in Health Psychology issues and maybe do a little teaching on the side at a community college in the Psychology Department.

Why do you want to be a research assistant?

Since I want to go to graduate school, it's important for me to get good research experience. This will make me a more attractive applicant and will also help prepare me to do my own independent master's thesis. Plus I would like to learn more about this area of Psychology.

What sorts of prior research experience do you have?

In our methods class, we had to design and conduct a group experiment. We created a survey, tested it on participants, and analyzed the data. I have a little bit of familiarity with SPSS.

Why should you be selected for this position?

I am serious about pursuing graduate education in Psychology and I am genuinely interested in learning more about research. I take my education seriously and participate fully in my classes. I am prompt and dependable and willing to take on the challenge of being a research assistant! I work well with others and have a good attitude! I am a self-starter and independent and not afraid to try new things on my own.

Is there a professor at SIUE who could speak favorably about you? If so, please provide name, e-mail address and phone number. (Note: you should secure permission from this professor to be used as a reference *before* submitting this form!)

Dr. Meinz (Psychology) said she would speak favorably on my behalf; she has been my professor in two classes.
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Check the position posting carefully. At the bottom the professor may have requested additional information (about prerequisite courses, transportation, etc.). If so, please address each of these issues below (for example, I have taken the 2 prerequisite courses and earned an A in both, and I am available during all the listed required times).

- **I can make the weekly lab meeting from 9-10 every Tuesday**
- **I have taken PSYC 220 and PSYC 221 and earned an A in each. Dr. Meinz was my professor for both.**

X I have read and understand the time commitment, duties and responsibilities of the position I am applying for. If selected to this position, I agree to comply with these.