**UNC Center of Excellence for Eating Disorders**

**Undergraduate and Postgraduate Research Trainee Information**

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**Expectations**

Trainees are expected to commit 10 hours per week for a minimum of 2 semesters (i.e., spring and summer, summer and fall, or fall and spring). Below are some additional requirements:

* Weekly or bi-weekly meeting with your direct supervisor(s), which could be a faculty member, post-doctoral fellow, or research assistant.
* At the end of each semester, complete an evaluation with your supervisor(s).
* During the fall and spring semesters, there is a bi-weekly 1-hour meeting for research trainees. Examples of topics covered in this meeting are reading and discussing journal articles, giving presentations on topics of interests to the trainees, having CEED faculty presentations, and discussing professional development.

**Tasks**

The specific tasks each trainee completes varies by project, direct supervisor, and previous experience. Our goal is to have trainees work on more than one project so that they can gain experience doing a number of different tasks. Some common tasks include:

* Photocopying
* Data entry
* Preparing study materials for projects (e.g., entering study surveys into Qualtrics)
* Conducting literature searches for grant applications and manuscripts
* Assisting in creating and maintaining IRB protocols
* Writing blog posts to include on [our blog site](https://uncexchanges.org/)
* Data management and data analysis
* Editing written materials (e.g., manuscripts, grant applications, and electronic surveys)
* Transcription
* Research study participant recruitment
* Assisting with marketing and advertising for the Center
* Bench work with biological specimens
* Creating research study mailings
* Assist with the development of research study recruitment materials and infographics

**Opportunities for Advanced Trainees**

For those trainees who have worked at CEED for an extended period of time and are fulfilling their obligations, there may be additional opportunities. This includes possible course credit (e.g., PSYC 395 – independent study) and/or an honor’s thesis. Students may also have the opportunity to conduct an independent research project. For more information, please contact Dr. Munn-Chernoff and/or your direct supervisor.

**Research Faculty**

The following is a list of faculty members currently conducting research who have taken research trainees in the past. Please note that faculty needs vary semester to semester, so some faculty may not be accepting trainees the semester you apply. In addition, a list of some of our current research projects can be found on our website [here](http://www.med.unc.edu/psych/eatingdisorders/our-research/participate-in-a-study). However, please note that some projects may not be accepting trainees.

Dr. Jessica Baker

Dr. Camden Matherne

Dr. Melissa Munn-Chernoff

Dr. Christine Peat

Dr. Laura Thornton

Dr. Hunna Watson

Dr. Zeynep Yilmaz

Dr. Stephanie Zerwas