The Boston Attention and Learning Lab, led by Drs. Joseph DeGutis and Michael Esterman, is seeking a summer research assistant to contribute to the study of developmental prosopagnosia, individuals with severe face recognition difficulties. The goal of this project is to better understand the mechanisms of prosopagnosia, test out novel methods to improve face recognition, and understand the brain and behavioral changes associated with successful treatment.

We are looking for a highly motivated, organized research assistant (RA) to join our team and be involved in all aspects of this innovative project. In particular, the RA will help remotely administer computer-based assessments and help oversee prosopagnosics’ use of a novel computer-based training program aimed at improving face memory. The RA will have the opportunity to manage and analyze data, help with manuscript and grant preparation, attend weekly lab meetings, and perform various administrative tasks as needed. This position is ideally suited for those looking to gain experience in the fields of cognitive neuroscience, cognitive rehabilitation, and neuropsychology and will uniquely prepare the individual for cognitive, clinical, or neuroscience graduate school programs.

We are seeking an applicant who is at least an upperclassman at a university (preferably majoring in Psychology or Neuroscience) and has previous research or relevant work experience. The candidate must be highly organized and have excellent people skills. Technical skills such as knowledge of neuroimaging techniques, statistical methods, and programming are also a plus. Students from underrepresented groups are especially encouraged to apply.

The summer internship will involve a commitment of around 35 hours per week from early June to August 2021 (start and end dates are flexible). We are currently awaiting approval for an official stipend amount for the summer. The internship will be conducted remotely. Applicants do not need to be located in Boston.

To apply, email your CV and a statement of interest to Regan_Fry@hms.harvard.edu by March 19th, 2021 with the subject line Summer 2021 Internship. Your statement of interest should include a brief outline of your research interests, your prior research experience, your future goals, and the kind of experiences you hope to gain by participating in prosopagnosia research.