Research Experience

Graduate Assistantship

A major expectation of the Experimental Program is student research productivity. In particular, students are expected to remain active in research projects with their primary academic mentor throughout their time in the program. Research experience in the form of studies, conference presentations, publications, and grant proposals is a main focus of academic psychology and this translational psychology program. Typically research and scholarly activity are the main tasks associated with the graduate assistantship, where students are required to work formally for 20 hours per week in exchange for tuition remission and a stipend. Students and faculty also are highly encouraged to participate in regular groups meetings (e.g., brown bags), which offer a rotating schedule of presenters of student-faculty research. Research productivity will be one way in which faculty based students' annual evaluations.

Research Facilities

A variety of resources are available to all graduate students when conducting research during their training at ETSU. Specific facilities vary by faculty member.

Institutional Review Board (IRB)

Any study, research, or investigation utilizing data collected from human participants (directly or indirectly) by graduate students in the department must be approved by the ETSU IRB and approval documentation must be kept and available. Approval must be completed prior to the commencement of the investigation and approved protocol must be adhered to rigidly, unless modifications are submitted and approved by the IRB. The ETSU IRB also requires all persons involved in research to complete the online CITI Training Program. The tutorial can be found at the following website: www.citiprogram.org and relevant information is provided below.

Once approved by the IRB, the research to be conducted is recognized by ETSU and subsequent steps in the research process may be followed. Additional information regarding the correct forms and procedures to be followed may be obtained from the following website: http://www.etsu.edu/irb/.

First Time Users of CITI Training Program

1. Go to www.citiprogram.org and click on "Register for the CITI Program", then submit

2. Under ALL OTHERS, Choose "East Tennessee State University" and submit

3. Select your Username and Password, and then submit. This is what you are going to use to go in and out of the program

4. Fill out Registration Page, and then submit information

5. Select your group (IRB Members see section B below) and submit:

Group 1- Biomedical not affiliated with VA

Group 2- Biomedical affiliated with VA (ETSU/VA members)

Group 3- Social and behavioral not affiliated with VA (ETSU Campus members)

Group 4- Social and behavioral affiliated with VA

6. On the Learners Menu, click on "Basic Course (required; Status Incomplete)"

7. Complete the Required modules (top of page).

8. To get access to the optional modules (not part of required training unless requested), click on "View the Grade Book" after completing the test on the last module. Scroll down. This will give you all the score of the modules you have completed and give you access to the optional modules.

9. Print the certificate by clicking on "Print a certificate of completion" after finishing the test on the last module. This will trigger an email to the IRB, letting us know you completed the training.

Also complete: "The IRB Member Module-What every New IRB Member Needs to Know," located in the Optional Section. You can access this module after you have completed the required modules for your group under "View Grade Book" (see # 8 above). After completing the required modules and the IRB member module, then you can print a certificate.