PSY 390 Research Opportunity

Fall 2018

Faculty member or graduate student
Doug Samuel, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Clinical Psychology

Description of research area
Research in the Samuel Assessment Methods for Personality and Psychopathology Laboratory (SAMPPL) focuses on the measurement and definition of personality and personality disorders. More specifically, our research studies how certain personality traits (organized around the Five-Factor Model or Big Five) can become maladaptive when they are too extreme. For example, on a personality trait called conscientiousness, a person in the normal range would be organized, on-time, diligent, hard-working, and careful. However, when this is taken to the extreme they can become perfectionistic, overly focused on neatness, and put work ahead of friends and family. We are conducting studies looking at the stability of these personality traits across time as well as how different sources (i.e., a friend, teacher, or therapist) agree with each other when it comes to describing someone’s personality. For more information see: http://samppl.psych.purdue.edu

Description of undergraduate participation
Students will be responsible for entering, cleaning, and assisting in the analysis of data collected during the semester. They will also be a part of collecting new data in various studies, including in a variety of methods of assessment. This experience is purposefully kept small as I want 390 students to feel more like collaborators than “workers.” Those with 3 or more semesters before graduation will have the opportunity, if interested, to have input in developing new research projects on these topics, including an independent Honor’s Project in the Research Focused Honors Program.

Research setting
A majority of the experience will be in a psychology laboratory, but there also may be opportunities to collect data in the community.

Number of assistants needed
2-3; No formal requirements, but those with cumulative GPAs 3.3+ are generally the most competitive.

Contact information
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Additional comments
**Students must be available on Wednesdays from 3-4pm.** Please complete the application form and return it to dbsamuel@purdue.edu for consideration.
APPLICATION FORM

*Psychology 390/391/498*

*Research in Psychology*

Samuel Assessment Methods for Personality and Psychopathology Laboratory (SAMPPL)

Dr. Douglas B. Samuel

Name:

Year of Study:

Major:

Cumulative GPA:

Cumulative Psychology GPA:

SAT or ACT scores:

Psychology Courses Completed:

Other courses outside Psychology that might be relevant:

Have you worked in a Psychology Lab before? If so, describe the experience:

Why do you want to do a 390 in psychology?

What interested you about the research we do in this lab?

How many hours of work would like you to do per week in the lab?

Are there any other things we should know about you that are relevant to this position?