

PSY 390 Research Opportunity

Fall 2021

Faculty member or graduate student

Doug Samuel, Ph.D., Associate 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, obsessive, and put work ahead of friends and family. We are conducting studies looking at how these traits may be helpful as problematic, 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. We finally are examining how personality can be most usefully applied in clinical practice to improve client outcomes. 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. 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. I am particularly interested in RAs who would increase the diversity of thought and opinions in the lab, so ask each applicant to indicate that in their application.

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:

In what semester do you plan to graduate (e.g., Spring 2024)

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? (typically 9 hours per week, based on 3 credit hours of 390)

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

Briefly, please indicate how your background, experiences, or identities would contribute to the diversity of the lab, broadly construed.