

Job Title: Research Assistant

The Lieber Institute for Brain Development (LIBD) is an independent non-profit biomedical research organization located on the campus of the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore. The LIBD aims to transform research into mental illness and developmental brain disorders in two ways: by providing new tools for scientific discovery and by developing new targets for drug development. The mission of the Lieber Institute for Brain Development is to translate the understanding of basic genetic and molecular mechanisms of schizophrenia and related developmental brain disorders into clinical advances that change the lives of affected individuals.

The Lieber Institute for Brain Development is currently seeking a Research Assistant to work in our Neuropathology Laboratory.

Overview of Duties

The Institute is seeking a highly motivated, conscientious, experience, and skilled laboratory technician who will perform a variety of assays on post-mortem human and animal tissues, with a focus on neuroscience. The Institute generates data sets from large cohorts of subjects, and consequently an attention to detail and the capacity to handle a high work-flow is required. Working in a state of the art laboratory, with abundant technical resources, suitable candidates must exhibit top-notch laboratory skills, and a working knowledge of a variety of assays. There will be a significant training component offered, as new assays are developed within the Institute, or are adopted by the Institute in conjunction with our research partners.

Professional and Education Requirements

- Track Record of Strong Attention to Detail
- Bachelor's Degree in Biology, Molecular Genetics, or a related field is required.
- Preferred: 3 Years of hands-on laboratory experience including the ability to independently and successfully perform:
 - DNA extraction
 - RNA extraction
 - Quantitation of DNA/RNA
 - RNA and DNA Quality Control Assays
 - Sanger sequencing
 - Gel Electrophoresis
 - PCR, RT-PCR
 - TaqMan genotyping
 - cDNA construction
 - Molecular cloning
 - Western blotting
 - Protein purification
 - Cell culture and cell transfection.

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To Apply: Please send your CV and cover letter to jobs@libd.org with "Research Assistant - Neuropathology" in the subject line.

