**Job Title:** Research Assistant – Neural Plasticity

**A little about us:**
The Lieber Institute for Brain Development was conceived from the realization that a new approach is needed to fully exploit the unprecedented scientific opportunities to accomplish the critical goal of helping affected individuals and their families. The Lieber Institute aims to transform the research landscape in two ways: by providing new tools for scientific discovery and by developing new collaborative approaches to achieve our ambitious mission.

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. We are an independent 501(c)(3) medical research institute located in the Bioscience Park on the campus of the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and Hospital.

The Lieber Institute offers a generous benefits package which includes paid holidays, sick, personal and vacation time off.

**Job Summary:**
We are seeking an enthusiastic and self-motivated individual to join our research group. This research assistant position is open to recent college graduates seeking training and experience in a translational research setting that are planning to pursue a graduate or professional degree in science or medicine. The applicant will work collaboratively with the research group to advance ongoing projects that study how neural activity patterns in limbic and reward-related circuits contribute to behaviors that are relevant for neuropsychiatric and neurodevelopmental disorders. Current projects apply techniques using in vivo optical imaging and electrophysiology to better understand how motivated behavior is regulated. The applicant will be expected to thoughtfully conduct experiments, analyze data, and participate in experimental design. Initiative to learn new methods and perform work efficiently and carefully are essential.

**Overview of Duties:**
- Stereotaxic surgeries for viral transgenesis in rodent models
- Running rodent behavior tasks in touchscreen apparatus
- Confocal microscopy
- Conducting in vivo endoscopic imaging and electrophysiology experiments
- Assisting with analysis of optical imaging and electrophysiology data
- Assist in general lab support and ordering

**Minimum Qualifications (Mandatory):**
• BA/BS in Neuroscience, Psychology, or a closely related field
• Plan to pursue graduate or professional degree in science or medicine
• Laboratory research experience
• Excellent organizational and communication skills
• Flexible work schedule (occasional weekends and evenings are required due to nature of experiments)

Special Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:
• Rodent handling/behavior
• Familiarity with MATLAB

To Apply: Interested applicants should submit a cover letter and resume with the subject line “Research Assistant – Neural Plasticity”.

Physical Requirements for Lab position:
• Remaining in a seated or standing position for extended periods of time;
• Reaching and grasping to manipulate objects with fingers;
• Mobility, including the ability to maneuver around a laboratory setting including the ability to move materials weighing up to 25 pounds;
• Communication skills using the spoken and written word;
• Having the ability to receive detailed information through oral communication;
• All other physical demands in a standard laboratory environment.

** If accommodations are needed due to pregnancy or a disability, please contact jobs@libd.org

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