



Children's Eating Lab Research Internship Description

Organization: University of Colorado- Anschutz Medical Campus

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Position Description: The Children's Eating Lab is currently conducting research to examine caregiver feeding behaviors of infants/toddlers with the goal of understanding the factors that influence feeding decisions. Current projects include investigating decisions about introducing specific foods, like meat and avocado; how stress influences feeding infants and toddlers; and how different schedules of repeated exposure affect acceptance of a novel vegetable. This internship will provide excellent experience in all aspects of the research process (planning, data collection, data analysis). Student interns will assist in laboratory visits at CU Anschutz with infants/toddlers and their caregivers. Interviews with caregivers and video recorded infant-caregiver interactions will be later coded and analyzed.

Specific Duties: The position would involve multiple tasks, exposures, and experiences that can include:

- Assisting with screening and recruitment of participants
- Assisting lead researcher with laboratory visits with the infant and mother, which involves setting up for the visit, interacting with the infant and mother, collecting anthropometric measurements, and assisting with audio/video recording
- Entering data from participant questionnaires
- Coding of qualitative transcripts and/or video-recorded behavior observations
- Completing administrative tasks as needed

Qualifications:

- Ability to think critically and great attention to detail
- Ability to multi-task
- Previous experience working with young children, especially infants/toddlers, preferred
- Ability to learn quickly
- Business casual dress is required

Training: Interns will need to be certified to conduct Human Subjects research. Interns who help with data collection will be trained on study protocols. Additional training will be required for interns interested in helping with coding of qualitative transcripts or video-recorded observations.

Number of Openings: Multiple

Work Schedule: Approximately 10 hours per week