**Culture and Religion Lab**

**Undergraduate Researcher Application Form**

Thank you for your interest in working in our lab! Undergraduate researcher positions include honors thesis students and research assistants working under the close supervision of Dr. Sasaki, post-doctoral researchers, and graduate students.

Research assistants' duties may include running experiments, preparing stimuli, coding, and data entry. Advanced research assistants’ responsibilities may also include attending lab meetings, reading in-progress manuscripts, giving feedback on study design and materials to others in the lab, and discussing study results. We are looking for students who enjoy interacting with other lab members, including graduate students and undergraduate research assistants. We are accepting applications from students who are interested in working in our lab across at least two semesters (preferably more) for at least 8 hours per week, but hours vary depending on the week.

Honors thesis students’ duties include all of those listed above, as well as additional thesis-specific tasks, including contributing to study design, conducting data analyses, creating a poster, presenting results, and writing a thesis. The time commitment for honors students must be two semesters (i.e., Fall–Spring, not summer) for at least 10 hours per week, but the hours vary depending on the week.

**Please make sure that you meet the following requirements before applying:**

* Must be in a major relevant to our research (e.g., psychology, cognitive science, biology, etc.).
* Should ideally have a cumulative and Psychology/major GPA of at least 3.2, but higher is preferred.
* Must be highly motivated, responsible, and eager to get hands-on research experience!

Additional requirements for honors thesis students

* *Must have already read carefully through Honors Thesis requirements before submitting this application.*
* GPA of at least 3.2 is ideal, but accepted honors students typically have 3.6 or higher.
* Must be able to provide contact information for up to two faculty members (or one faculty and one graduate student) who can serve as references.
* Other qualifications that would make your application stronger include:
	+ Course in Social or Cultural Psychology
	+ Good grades in statistics and research methods
	+ Research experience
	+ Strong writing skills

**Instructions for submitting materials:**

Submit this application form, along with a current transcript to Dr. Sasaki at yjoni@hawaii.edu. For unofficial online transcripts, please take a snapshot of your transcript or save the webpage as a pdf rather than copying and pasting the transcript into a MS Word doc.

Additional instructions for honors thesis students

In addition to your application and transcript, please provide a writing sample that best demonstrates your research experience and/or writing ability. The writing sample should ideally be a research paper from a psychology course (e.g., formal write-up of independent studies research, research proposal, literature review, etc.).

**Please provide the following information:**

1. Which position are you applying for?

\_\_\_\_ Research assistant \_\_\_\_ Honors thesis \_\_\_\_ Other (please specify):

1. Name:
2. Email:
3. Telephone:
4. Year in school:
5. Expected month and year of graduation:
6. Major(s):
7. Cumulative GPA: Psychology/major GPA:
8. During which semester(s) would you like to participate (i.e., summer, fall, winter)?
9. Please indicate the number of hours per week that you would like to work in the lab.
10. Do you have any experience with the following computer or online programs?

Microsoft Excel Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

SPSS Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

R Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Qualtrics Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what is your level of proficiency for each?

1. Do you have previous research experience in a *psychology lab (outside a course)*? Yes \_\_\_\_No \_\_\_\_

If yes, please complete the following information for each psychology lab:

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| Lab name | Dates started and ended participation | Faculty mentor/lab supervisor | Primary duties or skills learned |
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1. Do you have previous research experience for a *course or non-psychology lab*? Yes \_\_\_\_No \_\_\_\_

If yes, please complete the following information for each course or non-psychology lab:

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| Course or Lab name | Dates started and ended participation | Faculty mentor/lab supervisor | Primary duties or skills learned |
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1. What interests you about our lab in particular? Please include relevant background experience if possible.
2. What are your career goals? How do you think the research experience in this lab will benefit you?
3. Are you fluent in any other languages? If so, which ones and what level of proficiency?
4. What are your most important commitments for the upcoming year?
5. Any other relevant information that you would like to provide?

For honors thesis students only

1. Do you have any specific research topics that you would like to explore for your thesis in our lab? If so, please provide a brief outline of your ideas.
2. What do you think are some important factors for producing high-quality research?
3. Please provide contact information for one faculty member (or graduate student) who can serve as references for you. This person should be able to comment on your work in a research lab or on research project. Please notify your referee beforehand that Dr. Sasaki might contact them about your potential honors student position.

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| **Reference information** |  |
| Name: |  |
| How long have they known you? | \_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_ months |
| Relationship to you: |  |
| Email: |  |

**Your Tentative Schedule**

To help us with our planning, please let us know your schedule for the upcoming semester. You may not know your final schedule at this time, but please give us your best estimate, and you can let us know if it changes in the future.

**UPCOMING SEMESTER (Please indicate): \_\_\_\_ SUMMER** \_\_\_\_ **FALL \_\_\_\_ SPRING**

Please indicate the tentative days and times when you will be unavailable for working in the lab due to courses, work, etc. If you already know you are taking a course at a certain time, please include the course number and title below:

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| **Morning** |  |  |  |  |  |
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