**The Centanni Lab at UF**

**Aka The GAPP Lab**

**(Genetics of Auditory& visual Processing and Plasticity)**

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**Research Assistant Application**

**Thank you for your interest in joining the Centanni Lab as research assistant! Before completing this application, we would like to provide you with some information regarding the requirements and expectations for undergraduate research assistants working in the Centanni Lab.

Time requirements:**We typically schedule our RAs to work approximately 5-9 hours per week.  The actual amount of time you are required to perform lab-related tasks will often vary from week to week, but the maximum we will schedule you is 9 hours/week. [Please note that RAs are typically scheduled to work between the hours of 7 AM - 6 PM Monday through Friday during the semester and that applicants should have *more than* 9 hours of availability/week to help prevent scheduling conflicts.]**What we are researching:**The research content will vary depending on who you are working with.  The lab’s research questions are focused on 3 main areas of study. 1) How does the brain perceive language and create a reading network? 2) In various communication disorders, how do the genes involved alter these networks? 3) How does the brain adapt to training and can we improve this process? We study these topics using an auditory neuroscience framework to guide our predictions and we work with several participant groups to address these research questions. The Centanni lab uses a large range of research techniques and tools in pursuit of these goals.

 **What is expected:**Research assistants perform a variety of tasks: supervising participants and running studies, working with computers (e.g., with Audacity and other types of experimental software), writing, reading published studies, and presenting results. Above all, you are expected to show up on time, perform these tasks to the best of your ability, and ask questions when necessary.

**If this sounds like an experience that would interest you, please complete the bottom portion of this application form. You can type your responses directly into this file. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dr. Tracy Centanni (tracy.centanni@phhp.ufl.edu).**

**Once you have completed this application, save it as “[Your Last Name] Centanni Lab Application,” and email it to Dr. Centanni (tracy.centanni@phhp.ufl.edu).**

**NAME:**

**1. What year are you currently in and what is your major/minor area(s) of study?**

**2. When do you expect to graduate from UF?**

**3. Outside of your coursework, in what other activities are you currently involved (e.g., extracurricular activities, sports teams, employment positions)?**

**4. Why do you want to work in the Centanni Lab? What are your expectations for this research experience?**

**5. What specific research topics are you most interested in?**

**6. Are you interested in attending graduate school?**

**If you plan on attending graduate school, to what type of program do you plan on applying?**

**7. Would you be willing to make a minimum 2-semester commitment to work in the Centanni Lab?**

 **8. What is your expected availability for the semester in which you’re applying to work (i.e., what days/times are you free to help us out)? Please provide availability in blocks of a minimum of 1.5 hours such as MWF 10am-11:30 am; Tues 4-5:30pm.**

**9. Do you have any special experience and/or skills (e.g., computer programming, administering assessments, etc.) that you feel will contribute to the Centanni Lab?**

**11. Is there anything else about you that you would like to share with us that hasn’t been asked on this application?**