



1. Summary

Interested in working with video games, children, and health behavioral research? The Health Technology Lab (www.northeastern.edu/healthtech/) at Northeastern University, Boston, MA, is looking to hire multiple research assistants for a recently funded 5-year project by the National Institutes of Health. This project will use active video games to encourage children’s physical activity behaviors.

Your job involves helping to recruit participants and collect data. More specifically, you will be trained to conduct focus groups, participant screenings, cognitive interviews, surveys, and anthropometric measurements among children. You will also attend a number of outreach events to identify potential participants. You will gain valuable experience interacting with children, exploring interactive media production, learning new interpersonal skills, and conducting interdisciplinary behavioral research.

Applicants should send: 1) a letter of application addressing the selection criteria and indicating how their background and expertise fit with the specific needs of the lab; 2) a curriculum vitae or resume; 3) the names and contact information of 3-5 references. Please send the application package to avgstudy@northeastern.edu, attn: Mie Hashimoto, Research Manager/Project Coordinator.

Please note that since this position involves research conducted onsite at schools and youth community groups in the Greater Boston area, those schools and organizations will require completion of a state Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI), and/or a Sex Offender Registry Information (SORI) check, and/or similar criminal background check, which may include a fingerprint-based state and national criminal record check.

Questions about the positions may be addressed to Dr. Amy Lu, assistant professor of Communication Studies and Health Sciences, at a.lu@northeastern.edu. Initial review of applications begins immediately.

2. Qualifications

- Bachelor’s Degree or Master’s Degree in a related field
- One year of relevant experience in addition to any educational requirements
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Detail-oriented and ability to follow protocol
- Comfort with working with Microsoft Office and video game consoles
- Be able to work well both independently and in a team environment
- Interest in health communication, behavioral research with children, public health, or child obesity
- Prior experience in research and/or working with children
- The ability to communicate in Spanish preferred

Minority applicants are encouraged. Please note that this is a part-time, non-benefits eligible position with up to 20 working hours per week. Initial appointments are three months after a one-month probationary period, with the possibility for renewal, contingent on performance.

3. Key Responsibilities & Accountabilities

Responsibility	% of Time
Obtain necessary training and skills to conduct research activities.	10%
Recruit and obtain consent from parents and children and schedule participants with the research coordinator.	20%
Collect and document research data. Be able to work flexible hours, including some evening and weekend hours.	60%
Assist the Principal Investigator and the research coordinator with other job related duties as assigned.	10%