Full-time Research Assistant Position at Northeastern University's Psychology of Misinformation Lab

Project: Who spreads online misinformation and how to correct it

Objectives: Belief in misinformation can have serious ramifications. The overarching goal of this study is to investigate why people share misinformation online, whether people have metacognitive awareness of discernment between true and false information, how people update their beliefs when misinformation is corrected, and what are the psychological mechanisms of this belief updating.

Description: We are looking for a highly motivated research assistant to join our interdisciplinary team and be involved in all aspects of our innovative misinformation studies. In particular, the research assistant will assist in programming experiments, data collection (for example recruiting participants online), assisting with human subjects applications, data analysis, literature reviews, and preparing manuscripts. There will be opportunities to present work at conferences. This position will be based in-person at Northeastern University in Boston, USA. We are looking for someone who can start in June-July 2024 for a one-year position, with the possibility of a second year.

Background required: College degree in psychology or related field (e.g. computer science, political science) and interest in making a career in research. Previous research experience preferred.

Skills: The candidate must be conscientious, have excellent people skills, and have an understanding of statistics. Knowledge of programs such as R are a plus.

Salary ≈ 47K+ depending upon experience

Deadline: 25th of April

**Minorities, women, and members of other under-represented groups are encouraged to apply.

If interested, please send a cover letter, a writing sample, and a CV that includes the contact details of two references to Dr. Briony Swire-Thompson (b.swire-thompson@northeastern.edu)