

## **Psychology Interviewing Internship at the Office of the Public Defender**

This is a yearlong, 20 hour/week, unpaid internship opportunity at the Office of the Public Defender in Gainesville, Florida. There will be 4 positions for this internship. The internship will start on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 and end on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 The Office of the Public Defender provides legal representation to low income clients facing criminal charges in Alachua County. This opportunity will provide exposure to clients facing misdemeanor and felony charges. The majority of clients are housed at the Alachua County Jail, however on occasion, clients are out on bail awaiting trial and complete interviews at the office. Students will need access to reliable transportation for this internship. Keep in mind you will be working on real cases that have drastic effects on people's lives so take this very seriously.

Internship experience includes:

- Interviewing clients to collect information related to social background, mental health background, financial status, or other mitigating information;
- Collateral Interview of family members, employers, witnesses;
- Record Collection;
- Record Review;
- Communication with attorneys on case status and needs;
- Court attendance;
- Maintaining electronic notes on case activity;
- Written reports for attorneys on gathered information; and
- Other related duties, as assigned.

This is an excellent opportunity for students to gain invaluable experience and hands-on work experience in a legal setting. This will look very good on your law school/graduate school/med school applications. Please see important instructions for the application process below. All deadlines are hard and will not be extended. Lastly, we highly value diversity in the Psychology Department and as such preference will be given to those who are from underrepresented groups so please do mention this in your application materials if appropriate.

Application Minimum Requirements:

1. Must be at least 18 at time of start date
2. Must have reliable transportation
3. Must have at least a 3.0 GPA
4. Must be a Psychology Major
5. If selected must sign up for Psy 4949
6. Must be able to pass a background check

Application Materials:

1. Vita/Resume
2. Transcripts (Unofficial copy is fine)
3. Personal Statement no more than 2 pages addressing your fit for this internship. Specifically, make sure you answer 1) Why you are a good fit for the internship and 2) How will this internship help you accomplish your future career/academic goals. Also, make sure you talk about how you represent a diverse/underrepresented group somewhere in your statement if relevant.

Application Submission and Due dates:

1. All application materials are due by April 8<sup>th</sup> by 11:59pm
2. Send all materials to Dr. Brian Cahill ([brian.cahill@ufl.edu](mailto:brian.cahill@ufl.edu)). In the subject line put 'PD Application Materials' and send all materials in a single PDF file.
3. Dr. Cahill will review applications, rank them based on the content of your materials, and do interviews shortly after. Final selections will be made by April 22<sup>nd</sup>.