



Full-time Research Assistant Position at Northeastern University

Project: Sharing misinformation online and how to correct it

Objectives: Belief in misinformation can have serious ramifications, particularly when the misinformation is regarding life threatening conditions such as cancer. The overarching goal of this study is to investigate (1) why people share misinformation online and how this changes over the lifespan, (2) how people update their beliefs when misinformation is corrected, (3) what are the psychological mechanisms of this belief updating, and (4) how people make assessments of trust and source credibility.

Description: We are looking for a highly motivated research assistant to join our interdisciplinary team and be involved in all aspects of our misinformation studies. The research assistant will assist in programming experiments, data collection (for example recruiting participants online), data analysis, literature reviews, and preparing manuscripts. There will be opportunities to present work at both local and international conferences. This position will be based at Northeastern University in Boston, USA. We are looking for someone who can start in summer 2021 for a one-year position, with the option of a second year. The position could provide an excellent training opportunity for graduate school programs in experimental psychology, communications, and public health.

Background required: College degree in psychology or related field and an interest in making a career in research. Previous research experience preferred.

Skills: The candidate must be conscientious, have excellent people skills, and have knowledge of statistics. Technical skills such as programming are a plus.

Salary \approx 40K+ depending upon experience

**Minorities, women, and members of other under-represented groups are encouraged to apply. We are able to sponsor non-US citizens.

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