**How to join the Basic Behavioral Processes Lab**

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**What you may expect from the lab**

Work in the lab consists of 9 hrs/week of various duties involving laboratory animals (typically rats and mice). The schedule and nature of these duties are arranged between new lab members and their supervisor before joining the lab. Laboratory duties typically include monitoring the welfare of laboratory animals, transporting them to testing rooms, verifying the integrity of testing equipment and data, and regularly presenting data to other lab members. Interested lab members with sufficient experience (typically with at least 6 months of experience in the lab) may lead their own projects, present posters at scientific conferences, and serve as co-authors in peer-reviewed scientific publications.

You may expect to learn empirical and analytic techniques that are key to conduct research on animal behavior and cognition. You may also broaden your knowledge on animal models of psychiatric disorders such as substance use disorder and attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder. Work and learning is expected to complement each other, and to take place in a collegial, cooperative environment.  Read more to learn what the lab expects from you and the steps you need to take to join the lab.

**What the lab expects from you**

* Work in the laboratory a minimum of 9 hrs/week (3 credit hours/semester) for each of 2 academic semesters (this includes the week of final exams in each semester).
* Students taking PSY 499 credit or supported by WAESO for work in the lab, are expected to write a report of their work by the end of the semester in which they were supported.
* Attend a weekly or biweekly lab meeting
* Performance in the lab is expected to be: punctual, dedicated, and conscientious.

**Steps to join the lab**

* Send an email to cwdaniel@asu.edu. If there is an opening available, an interview and lab tour will be arranged.
* After the interview and lab tour, you must obtain clearance to work with animals from the Occupational Health and Safety Program (OHSP). Download their form [here](https://researchintegrity.asu.edu/sites/default/files/archive/OHSP%20Initial%20Questionnaire%201%2026%2015.docx); follow the instructions in the form.
* Once you send your OHSP form, you will need a certification to work with rats and mice; complete Levels I and II. The link and instructions of Level I are [here](https://researchintegrity.asu.edu/training/animals/levelone), and for Level II are [here](http://hazel.forest.net/latanet/client/asu/asu_contents/asu_contents.htm). For Level II, only complete the sections “The Humane Care and Use of the Laboratory Mouse” and “The Humane Care and Use of the Laboratory Rat”. Remember: username = “asu”, password = “animals”.
* Let your supervisor know that you have completed your training. S/he will provide you with instructions to obtain clearance to access animal housing and testing areas, and to complete Level III training.