

Work Start Date: 08-24-2026

Work End Date: 12-07-2026

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Job Description:

STUDENT RESEARCH ASSISTANT (CLOUGH SEATING STUDY, IRB2025-1248 Exempt)

Location: Georgia Tech

Duration: August – December 2026

Commitment: 5 hours per week

ABOUT THE PROJECT:

This study records aggregate seating use at fixed points in time in the Clough Undergraduate Learning Commons to uncover area use patterns. Observers walk a set route, mark occupied seats on printed maps, and jot brief noise, usage, and pattern notes. This research requires no interaction with users; no photos, audio, or video; no identifiable details.

POSITION OVERVIEW

We are seeking a Student Research Assistant to conduct observation passes and collect seating data in the Clough Undergraduate Learning Commons and enter the resulting data. Opportunities exist for participation in resulting publication and presentation.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Observation cadence

- Conduct observation passes on assigned days and times, following a fixed route. This is anticipated to be 5 passes per week per research assistant at various days of the weeks and times.(15-20 minutes)
- Record seat occupancy, per-zone noise level, dominant use type, and brief zone-level notes on standardized sheets.
- Follow the observation protocol consistently to maintain data reliability

Enter collected data into the project tracking system **What to record**

1) Seat occupancy on the maps

- 2) Overall noise level per zone (rate once per zone, per pass)
- 3) Observed use type per zone (choose the dominant pattern)
- 4) Brief pattern notes (zone-level; 1–2 lines max)

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- Currently enrolled Georgia Tech student
- Reliable, detail-oriented, and able to follow a structured protocol consistently
- Flexible availability throughout the week (employer is willing to work with your schedule). Will include some weekend and evening hours.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Interest in research methods or library/undergraduate commons space design
- Ability to work independently on research tasks

TO APPLY:

Send a brief statement of interest, CV/resume, and examples of relevant work to jlee863@gatech.edu by August 17th, 2026. Please include "Seating Study Student Assistant Application" in the subject line.

Hours/Work Schedule: 5 hrs / week

Work Location: In person -- Clough Undergraduate Learning Commons and Georgia Tech Library

Work Study?: Yes

Pay Rate: \$15/hr

Number of Positions Available: 2