Periodically I am asked whether I will accept new undergraduate students in our laboratory. There are a number of criteria for inviting students to join the lab.

First and foremost, I view working in the lab as a kind of traineeship. I, and the CASCR lab members, invest a lot of time in the students who work with us, and we do not have an unlimited amount of time and energy for this part of our work. Therefore I choose students for the lab very carefully. Here are some of the criteria I apply:

1. It is best if beginning lab members have at least 3 quarters left before graduation, so they can receive some training and have time to develop research skills. However, there may be room for people with less time until graduation.
2. Undergrads in the lab must have at least a GPA of 3.0 (3.5 or better is desirable). The workload can become fairly heavy at times, because projects have their own pace and the people need to keep up. In order to get the background information required and also participate in the research, lab members have to do well in conventional student tasks. Individuals with a GPA below the 3.0 cutoff will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
3. Students who have completed TPSYCH 209 (or TPSYCH 330) and TMATH 100 will be given preference. Beginning lab members who have completed these courses must have earned at least a 3.0 in these courses, and preferably a 3.5 or greater in all such courses. Applicants with statistics and research methods grades below 3.0 will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

The application for lab membership is attached to this memo. When you have filled it out, either send it to me by email ([sjross2@uw.edu](mailto:sjross2@uw.edu)) or drop it by my office (MDS 104E)

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Stephen J. Ross, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor of Psychology

Director, Center for Applied Social Cognition Research

Undergraduate Research Assistant Application

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Psychology (and other research related) courses completed:

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Overall GPA:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Expected graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Available days/times for working in the lab (keep in mind that our normal data collection hours are Mondays-Thursday 8:00 AM-6:00 PM and Fridays 8:00AM-12:00 PM)

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Special Skills (e.g., computer programming, photography, film making, etc.):

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Please note any factors that would limit the time you can spend in the lab, apart from normal student workload (full time / part time job, other activities and responsibilities)

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If you have not been a student in one of my classes before, I would like the opportunity to speak with your past/current psychology instructors to discuss your in-class performance. Please indicate your consent these discussions:

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, provide permission for Dr. Stephen Ross to speak with faculty members in other courses I have taken at the University of Washington, Tacoma for the purpose of evaluating my application for a research assistant position.

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Signature Date

Lastly, please provide a brief statement about your career goals, including how participation in the lab will fit into those goals (attach additional sheet if necessary).

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