**NRTC Research Internship**

The National Research and Training Center on Blindness and Low Vision (NRTC) at Mississippi State University invites applications for a research internship opportunity. The mission of the NRTC is to enhance employment and independent living outcomes for individuals who are blind or visually impaired through research, training, education, and dissemination. Interns will have the opportunity to conduct research related to employment for people who are blind, visually impaired, or deafblind by working with NRTC researchers on one or more projects.

Minimum qualifications:

* Master’s degree in Psychology, Sociology, Rehabilitation Counseling, Educational Psychology, Special Education, or a related field
* Excellent communication, writing, and interpersonal skills

Preferred qualifications:

* Pursuing a Ph.D. in Psychology, Sociology, Rehabilitation Counseling, Educational Psychology, Special Education, or a related field
* Experience working with people who are blind, visually impaired, or deafblind
* Quantitative statistical analysis skills

Internships will take place at the NRTC, which is located at Mississippi State University in Starkville, MS. Duration and time of year of internships are flexible, although at least a 3-4 month commitment is preferred. The NRTC is willing to work with interns to fulfill program requirements and/or arrange course credit as appropriate. Internship activities may include conducting literature reviews, survey development, data collection, data management, data analysis, and dissemination of research results. Specific activities will vary depending on the intern’s interests and skills, and the NRTC’s research project timelines.

To apply, please send a cover letter, resume, and writing sample to Dr. Michele McDonnall ([mmcdonnall@colled.msstate.edu](mailto:mmcdonnall@colled.msstate.edu)) and Dr. Jennifer Cmar ([jcmar@colled.msstate.edu](mailto:jcmar@colled.msstate.edu)). If you have questions, please contact Dr. McDonnall or Dr. Cmar at (662) 325-2001, or by email. A description of our current projects is available at <http://blind.msstate.edu/research/current-research/RRTC_2015.php>.