### **Research Assistants in Eye Diseases**

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Dr. Bleik and Dr. Sleiman have three (3) Research Assistant (RA) positions that are open at the Department of Ophthalmology.

#### Projects themes

- Visual needs in the population
- Eye diseases and related treatments

#### Terms

- Deadline: Applications are accepted until the positions are filled.
- Part-time, hybrid (in-person and online)
- Potential Start Date: as soon as possible (December 2024)
- Duration: until July 2025 (subject to renewal)

# Position 1: Research Assistant, Study Coordinator

- There is one open part-time position requiring an average of 20 to 30 hours per week.
- In this position, the RA will conduct clinical and epidemiological research in projects related to eye diseases, from (with potential for renewal for another term) at the School of Medicine. LAU.
- Target applicants: holders of a Masters degree (or higher) in health sciences, vision sciences, or social sciences. MD or other doctoral degree holders are welcome and encouraged to apply.
- Required skills:
  - 1. an interest in conducting research and in learning about vision sciences,
  - 2. the organizational skills to manage a research team, and
  - 3. a high level of commitment to the projects
  - 4. proficiency in using statistical software like SPSS and SAS is a plus.
  - 5. proficiency in using Office applications, especially spreadsheet software (MS Excel or Google Sheets) and other software required on the job
  - 6. strong command of English with verbal and written communication skills.
  - 7. organizational skills for planning, follow-up, and time and project management

- 8. ability to work independently and proactively
- 9. basic knowledge in administrative duties.
- Desired (but not required) experience:
  - 1. background in clinical epidemiology and biostatistics
  - 2. conducting research projects and grant writing
  - 3. conducting systematic reviews and meta-analysis is a plus.
  - experience in human biological sciences or medicine. Additional accepted fields
    of study include but are not restricted to development, sociology, epidemiology,
    public health, histology, physiology, etc.

## Position 2: Research Assistant, Field Researcher

- There are two part-time positions requiring an average of 5 to 10 hours per week. Work is intermittent and dependent on field work days determined by the research team.
- In this position, the RA will conduct clinical and epidemiological research in projects related to eye diseases, for a total duration of 1 to 2 months between November 2024 to July 2025 (with potential for renewal for another term) at the School of Medicine, LAU.
- Target applicants: holders of a Masters degree (or higher) in health sciences or social sciences. MD or other doctoral degree holders are welcome and encouraged to apply.
- Required skills
  - 1. experience in conducting research,
  - 2. an interest in learning new data collection methods,
  - 3. the social skills to conduct interviews in the community, and
  - 4. a high level of commitment to the projects.
- Desired (but not required) experience:
  - background in data collection in research in the social sciences and/or in opinion polls
  - 2. experience in epidemiological or health-related studies

Interested applicants should email Dr. Karim Sleiman (<a href="mailto:karim.sleiman01@lau.edu.lb">karim.sleiman01@lau.edu.lb</a>) with CC to Ms. Mariam Hijazi (<a href="mailto:mariam.hijazi02@lau.edu.lb">mariam.hijazi02@lau.edu.lb</a>) using the subject title: "RA Application (Ophthalmology)". The email should contain:

- Resume or curriculum vitae (CV)
- Paragraph (or letter of intent) specifying which position you are interested in, and explaining your interest.

At later stages, the following will be requested:

- Academic transcript of university grades
- Copy of your degree(s)
- References are a plus, but are not required during the first round of application screening. During the selection process, the short-listed candidates will be asked to provide 3 references.