

LearningWorks for Kids
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INTERNSHIPS AVAILABLE FALL AND SPRING SEMSTERS 2007/2008

LearningWorks for Kids is a psychoeducational consulting firm dedicated to using popular digital technologies to teach children critical thinking and self-regulatory skills, often known as executive functions. LearningWorks for Kids demonstrates how to connect executive function skills used in popular game play to real-world applications at home and school. We help children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, Learning Disabilities, and social difficulties to learn problem solving, planning, and organizational skills while playing their Wiis, X-Boxes, and Playstations, or while searching the Internet or texting their friends.

We are looking for students with interests in psychology, education, or technology to participate in our research and website development. Students may be able to earn internship or academic credits for their participation. Previous students have been offered ongoing stipends for their participation. Students are expected to put in approximately 8 to 10 hours per week, which includes a 1-hour weekly meeting with the LearningWorks for Kids team. We are particularly interested in students who will be available during the summer of 2008. Your time commitment may involve playing video/computer games, developing coaching guides, development of website content, and participating in ongoing research using games such as Guitar Hero, Brain Age, and Big Brain Academy. Positions available include:

- Gamers and computer experts: We are looking for individuals who love to play video games or have an interest in massive multiplayer Internet games or website development. Students who have found that video games and the use of the Internet have taught them thinking skills are being sought. Students who rely upon their cell phones, love board games, or are drawn to searching the Internet are also wanted.
- Educators: We are looking for individuals who would like to help in the development of coaching and curriculum materials that detail how to use digital technologies to teach critical thinking skills.
- Researchers: We are currently conducting two studies with children between the age of 7 and 14. Students participating in research projects will have an opportunity to work directly with study participants, as well as to assist in research design. They may also have an opportunity to work on a school-based research project using video games.

Preliminary meetings for further information or to sign up to participate in the internships will take place at the office of South County Child and Family Consultants. (From URI, go south on Route 108 past the large mill buildings and turn left after the bridge. South County Child and Family Consultants is the three-story building on the corner next to the playground, across from the Peace Dale Library.) Initial meeting times are:

Tuesday, Feb. 5 at 3 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 8 at 4 p.m.

If you are interested but unable to attend a meeting at this time, please contact Dr. Randy Kulman at 789-1553 or e-mail him at rkulmanoffice@yahoo.com.

Please check out our website, LearningWorksforKids.com, to learn more about us.