

Name and Area of Specialization

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In 250 words or less explain the nature of your research

The Human-Animal Interaction Lab, directed by Dr. Protopopova, systematically explores questions of companion animal well-being, behavior, and human-animal interactions. Our research aims are 1) to improve the well-being of pet dogs and dogs housed in animal shelters through the development of behavioral interventions, 2) assess and develop therapy dog programs to benefit human health and educational outcomes, and 3) improve our general understanding of animal abnormal behavior.

Do you accept undergraduates into you lab for research

Yes No

Are you currently accepting undergraduates into your lab

Yes No

Do you offer pay to undergraduate researchers

Yes No Depends (Explain:)

What is the undergraduate’s role?

Part of a team Work independently Both

Other (Explain:)

How many hours/wk do you expect student to be in lab

5-15 hours

In 250 words or less, what are your expectations for an undergraduate researcher:

Students are expected to show initiative and be curious and critical thinkers, respectful, and dependable. Students will assist will dog handling, session set-up, scheduling participants, data collection, data organization, and video data analysis. Students will also be expected to come to weekly lab meetings.

Will Students be included in presentations and/or publication if they meet expectations?

Yes

No

Do you have any course prerequisites before students are accepted in your lab?

No

How do you prefer for students to contact you to inquire about working in your lab?

Email

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