

**Are you interested in gaining research experience for grad or med school?
Do you want to conduct work that can improve health?**

The Cannabis and Tobacco Research Lab of San Diego, based at CSUSM, has research assistant (RA) openings for students seeking clinical/counseling research experience with human participants!

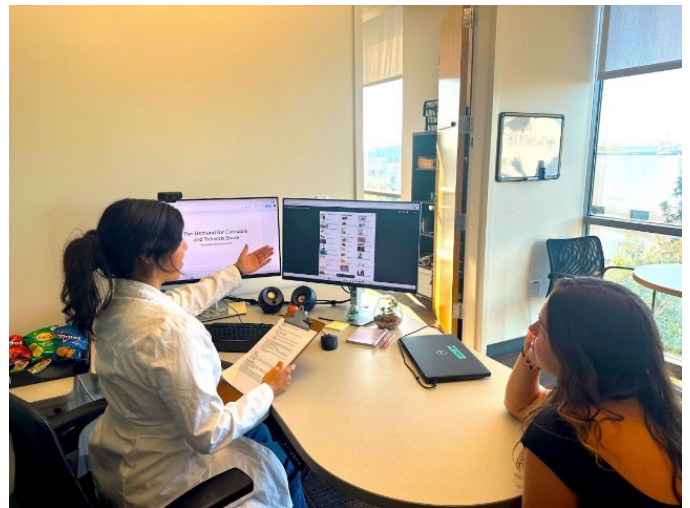
- ❖ Clinical research skills gained in this opportunity are highly valued by employers and grad/med school programs and translate to a variety of disciplines.
- ❖ Membership fosters an understanding of the planning, discipline, and teamwork involved in pursuing answers to biomedical research questions.
- ❖ RAs receive leadership and presentation/publication opportunities that are rare for undergraduate and post-bac students.

One study examines demand for and use of tobacco and cannabis and behavioral health among young adults. The other is an intervention modifying tobacco and cannabis waste perceptions and behaviors among young adults to address a major public health and environmental problem.

Students will:

- Gain proficiency in human subjects data collection and documentation in prospective, cohort study or multi-site randomized controlled trial
- Master behavioral research techniques including interview for assessing substance use (Timeline Followback), lab assessment for substance use demand (Purchase Tasks), and behavioral support techniques (Motivational Enhancement), depending on study
- Learn methods for participant recruitment and retention

Students must be highly detail oriented, organized, internally driven and have strong communication skills; prior research experience is not needed. Students should plan to spend at least ten hours per week for two semesters to gain the most from the experience. Students can also continue to volunteer once they've graduated.



Many of our students go on to graduate school and careers in clinical or counseling psychology, medicine, social work, and public health. We have also had students go into applied areas such as neuroscience, sports psychology, and I/O. To learn more and apply, please visit [this website](#) and email [your application](#) to Dr. Kim Pulvers.