Graduate Research Assistant on Neuroethics

Position: Dr. Laura Cabrera (Center for Neural Engineering, Dept. Engineering Science and Mechanics, Research Associate Rock Ethics Institute, Affiliate Associate Professor Huck Institutes of Life Sciences) seeks applicants for a Research Assistant from incoming & current Penn State University (PSU) graduate students to start on August 15, 2022, to contribute to research examining the ethical and social implications of neurotechnologies. These are 12-month positions with possible renewal.

Work Responsibilities: The graduate student will receive guidance from & report directly to Dr. Cabrera. The graduate student responsibilities cover two areas:

• research:
  o assisting with literature reviews, analyzing data, interpreting results, & communicating findings via conference presentations & written manuscripts related to ethical and social implications of neurotechnologies.

• administration:
  o organizing & facilitating lab meetings, including creating agendas & preparing materials;
  o completing & maintaining all Institutional Review Board (IRB) procedures to ensure compliance with human subjects research regulations (if applicable).

Required Qualifications:
• an undergraduate degree in a relevant field (bioethics/neuroethics, engineering, neuroscience, social science)
• strong written & oral communication skill
• strong scholarly interests in ethical, legal, social and cultural implications of neurotechnologies

Desired Qualifications:
• strong interest in &/or prior experience with interdisciplinary collaboration
• very good communication and interpersonal skills
• publication and scientific communication experience
• organization skills and proficient time management
• ability to work independently and high level of motivation

To Apply: Interested applicants should submit their application to lcabrera@psu.edu
Submit CV and a cover letter. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.