

Please apply via WorkDay: R132527 Research Assistant (Open for current NU student) or email your application package to me if you are not a current NU student or graduating)

The Brain Game Center for Mental Fitness and Well-Being (<https://bgc.provost.northeastern.edu>) and the Health Technology Lab (www.northeastern.edu/healthtech) at Northeastern University, Boston, MA, are seeking a research assistant specializing in narrative creation to contribute to an ongoing project. This role focuses on crafting an engaging story to enhance motivation in older adults participating in a cognitive training game.

Responsibilities

The research assistant will collaborate closely with investigators to:

- Develop a complete story arc for the game's narrative.
- Write the first season (~10 episodes) of a five-season story.
- Engage in an iterative creative and revision process, incorporating feedback.
- Participate in team discussions on story development and integration into gameplay.

This position can be completed remotely but requires frequent communication and revisions of the creative work.

Qualifications

- Strong narrative creation skills with a demonstrated ability to craft compelling stories, especially older adult populations.
- Excellent communication skills for collaboration and feedback incorporation.
- Experience in game narrative creation preferred.
- Ability to work independently while also contributing effectively to a team.
- Responsiveness to feedback and willingness to refine creative work iteratively.

Application Process

Interested candidates should submit the following materials:

1. Resume or curriculum vitae (CV)
2. A completed creative evaluation assessment: Narrative Test (Download at: <https://amyshironglu.com/Narrative%20Test.pdf>)
3. Names and contact information for 2-3 references

Please compile the three required types of materials into a single PDF or Word document; Applications that do not follow these instructions will be deleted;

Compensation & Additional Opportunities

- This is an hourly paid position.

- If funding allows, it may transition into a longer-term role.
- Highly motivated candidates will have the opportunity to contribute to data analysis and co-author publications.

For questions about the position, please contact Dr. Amy Lu at a.lu@northeastern.edu.

Review of applications begins immediately and will continue until the right candidate is identified.