

## **Research Assistant – Immediate Opening**

Dr. Krista Kelly, Director of the Vision and Neurodevelopment Laboratory at the Retina Foundation of the Southwest in Dallas, Texas, is seeking applications for a full-time Research Assistant position. The initial term of employment will be for one year, with the possibility of renewal based on performance and availability of funding. Salary will be \$35,000/year plus benefits.

Dr. Kelly's lab is interested in the functional consequences of pediatric eye conditions, including strabismus, anisometropia, and amblyopia. The successful candidate will work under the supervision of Dr. Kelly and will be involved in projects studying the effects of these conditions on reading and eye-hand coordination in children. This position is ideal for recent graduates with a bachelor's degree in science-related field (e.g. psychology, kinesiology, biology, etc.) who are taking a bridge year and/or who aspire to attend a graduate research program in the future.

### **HOW TO APPLY**

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until a suitable candidate has been chosen. Interested candidates should email a cover letter and resume to Dr. Krista Kelly at [kkelly@rfsw.org](mailto:kkelly@rfsw.org) or via the Handshake portal.

### **ABOUT THE RETINA FOUNDATION**

The Retina Foundation, a private nonprofit research institute, is making a difference in the lives of children and adults living with vision threatening eye conditions. We have five laboratories participating in more than 35 clinical research studies and providing more than 2,000 vision assessments each year completely free of charge. Our evaluations are unique because many of our testing methods are only available at our facility in Dallas, Texas. Patients are referred by local ophthalmologists to participate in clinical trials and clinical research. Our goal is to continue advancing sight saving treatments to make a lifetime of good vision a reality for everyone. To learn more about the Retina Foundation, please visit our website at [www.retinafoundation.org](http://www.retinafoundation.org).

### **ABOUT KRISTA KELLY, PHD**

Dr. Krista Kelly received her Ph.D. in Psychology from York University in 2014 before joining the Retina Foundation of the Southwest as a Postdoctoral Fellow in the Crystal Charity Ball Pediatric Vision Laboratory. She became the Director of the Vision and Neurodevelopment Laboratory in Aug 2019. Dr. Kelly is working with children with pediatric eye conditions, focusing her efforts on the impact reduced vision has on reading speed, eye-hand coordination, and motor skills. To learn more about her research, check out this brief video: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=aAy9ZITyw6M&t=1s](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aAy9ZITyw6M&t=1s).