

Temporary Researcher Procedure

This procedure is for hiring a temporary researcher position. These positions are paid hourly on a bi-weekly basis.

*****Please note this process takes a minimum of 3-4 weeks*****

Procedure (documents needed):

1. Submit the Temporary Researcher PAR form **and checklist** to your Business Office Professional via **one** email.
2. Forms can be found on the Psychology website:

<https://www.colorado.edu/psych-neuro/resources/business-office>

Departmental Policies/Procedures:

- All paperwork must be submitted together to the Business Office ***a minimum of 3-4 weeks prior to the temporary researcher's effective hire date.***
 - Time is needed to get the checklist approved, position posted (min 3 days), background check completed, offer letter created and signed, and final HR approval and HCM entry.
- Incomplete paperwork will be returned and will need to be re-submitted
- Paperwork submitted late cannot guarantee that a temporary researcher will be set up by the requested hire date and may take longer than 4 weeks. Employee **cannot** begin working until the hiring process is complete.
- Avature job posting will be set up and is required to be posted for a minimum of 3 days.
 - **PI will need to approve the posting**
- PI will be notified by HR to send the candidate a link to apply for the position in Avature.
 - **Candidate will need to upload required documents**
- Candidate may need to have a background check completed if they have not had one in the previous 3 years.
 - Candidate will be notified by email from HireRight to provide their information.
- Business Office will create the offer letter and route in docusign for signatures.
- Temporary researchers are required to submit biweekly timesheets through MyLeave. Timesheets need to be submitted and approved by 12 pm on Tuesday following each pay period.
 - Timesheets submitted late will be processed in the following pay period.
 - Timesheet deadlines and policy can be found on Psychology website (link above)

University Policies:

- Appointments can be 9 or 12 months in a rolling 12-month period. Requirements listed below.
 - 9 month appointment rules
 - Can work 40 hours a week
 - Can work overtime

- Must take a 3 month break after 9 months before they can be re-hired
- 12 month appointment rules
 - Hours worked limited to 32 per week
 - Cannot work overtime
 - Must take a 6 month break after 12 months before they can be re-hired
- If an employee has worked a temporary position, anywhere at CU in the past year, they may not be eligible to hold a current temporary researcher position. It may require them to be hired in a permanent position.
- Temporary researcher positions accrue .034 of sick leave for each hour they work.
 - Prorated for part-time work
 - Accrual may not exceed 6 days (48 hours) on July 1st of each year
 - Up to 6 hours of accrued sick leave can carryover from year to year
 - When an employee uses sick leave, their full salary is still paid by the funding source
- Temporary researcher positions are not eligible for the following:
 - Vacation leave
 - Holidays
 - University benefits
 - Administrative time off

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| Additional Information: |
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- Temporary Employee Information
 - <https://www.colorado.edu/hr/hiring/temporary-employees>
- Sick leave information
 - <https://www.colorado.edu/hr/leave#sick-89>