Title: Full-time Research Assistant and Study Coordinator
Department of Family and Community Medicine
Meharry Medical College
Nashville, Tennessee

Supervisor: Matt Morris, Ph.D., HSP

Position Summary: Primary responsibilities will be coordinating and conducting assessments for an NIMH-funded study entitled, ‘Models of Risk for PTSD’. Applicants will be trained to conduct clinical interviews (Structured Clinical Interview for DSM-V, Clinician-Administered PTSD Scale) and will gain familiarity with the collection of biological stress markers. Applicants will be trained to administer neuropsychological tests assessing executive function, psychosocial stress tasks, and a thermal pain testing protocol. Interested applicants will also receive training in data analysis and manuscript/poster preparation and will receive funding to present at national conferences.

Education/Experience:
Bachelor's degree is required. Prior research experience preferred.

Position Description:
• Conducts semi-structured clinical interviews under the supervision of Dr. Morris.
• Administers psychosocial stress tasks, neuropsychological testing, and pain testing protocol.
• Oversees collection of biological stress markers (saliva samples, hair samples, heart rate).
• Performs data entry, cleaning and management.
• Performs administrative functions and miscellaneous job-related duties as needed.
• Performs recruitment through online, community and hospital settings

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:
• Ability to utilize and maintain advanced scientific equipment and facilities.
• Good computer skills in order to utilize electronic equipment and statistical programs (SPSS) for data entry, cleaning, and management.
• Understanding the safety of human research subjects and HIPAA guidelines is critical.
• Clinical skills in interacting with adolescents and adults, some of whom may have emotional and/or behavioral problems.
• Effective interpersonal skills necessary to interact with internal and external contacts.
• Ability to handle confidential data.

Environmental Conditions & Physical Demands:
• Flexibility in work schedule is required due to possible evening or weekend research assessments.
• Usual clinical laboratory/hospital working environment.
• Mobility.
• Visual and auditory acuity.
• Manual dexterity.
• Reliable transportation is required due to recruitment site locations

Contact Dr. Matthew Morris at mmorris@mmc.edu for more information about the position and how to apply.