

Two Full-Time RA Positions in Psychiatry at Boston Children's Hospital

The Department of Psychiatry at Boston Children's Hospital has openings for two full-time research assistants (RAs) in Psychology. The Biobehavioral Research Laboratory (BRL) conducts biobehavioral studies examining the effects of maternal and child exposures (e.g., psychosocial stress, trauma, chemicals/toxins) on young children's risk for poor developmental outcomes. The current project involves follow-up of a cohort of mothers recruited in pregnancy and their children for assessments when the children are between 3 and 8 years old. The goals of this study are to test whether prenatal and postnatal exposures predict child outcomes, including cellular aging, stress reactivity, neurodevelopmental functioning, and emotional and behavioral problems. The main RA responsibilities include scheduling and conducting home and laboratory visits; collecting behavioral, questionnaire, and biosample (blood, urine, hair, saliva) data; data management activities; and administrative tasks.

Responsibilities

- Consent and recruit participants.
- Provide information regarding studies to participants, communicate all policies and procedures, and respond to all inquiries.
- Coordinate study activities, including scheduling of laboratory and home visits, collecting and managing biological specimens and physiological and behavioral data in the laboratory and in the home, and general administrative tasks.
- Execute study protocols in the home and the laboratory, including administration and scoring of behavioral and psychological assessments using standardized tests and questionnaires.
- Data management (creating data bases, data entry, verification, analysis, graphing).
- Coordinate and prepare the necessary documentation for Institutional Review Board (IRB) and Committee on Clinical Investigations (CCI) submissions, together with the Principal Investigator (PI) of the study. Ensure compliance with federal, state, and institutional guidelines.
- Create and prepare statistical reports. Contribute to literature searches and assistance with preparation of grant materials and writing of articles and summary papers of studies for submission to journals.
- Participate in the training of newly hired research study assistants.
- Coordinate activities between the hospital, collaborating sites, and laboratories to ensure correct participant tracking, data management, and testing.
- Monitor and review data collection and data entry and informed consent procedures, ensuring consistency of application for each study.
- Participate in meetings with PI and other personnel.

Qualifications

- A Bachelor's degree in a related discipline, preferably in a Life, Health, or Social Sciences field, with a minimum of 1 year related experience. A Master's degree in mental health may substitute for less than one year experience.
- **Fluency in English and Spanish.**
- **A valid driver's license.**
- High attention to detail, well-developed communication and organizational skills, the ability to multi-task, and the analytical skills to gather and interpret complex data.
- Sensitivity in working with multicultural populations, traumatized women, and young children.
- **Flexibility to work some evenings and weekends.**
- Knowledge of Word, Excel, Powerpoint, and SPSS or SAS, a plus.
- Phlebotomy experience, a plus.

Boston Children's Hospital is an Equal Opportunity / Affirmative Action Employer. Qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to their race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, protected veteran status or disability.

If interested and meet the above requirements, apply by visiting <http://www.childrenshospital.org/career-opportunities/search-career-opportunities> and searching by REQ ID 43313BR or 43315BR

