Call for: Undergraduate Clinical Research Interns

This position provides valuable experience for candidates interested in applying to graduate schools in clinical psychology, medical school, or related fields.

This is an unpaid part-time position (10-12 hours per week), a two-semester commitment is required.

Applications will be reviewed on rolling basis beginning in March 2021. To apply for this position, please send a cover letter and CV/resume, in PDF format, directly to Evan Albury at ealbury@mgh.harvard.edu.

Start Date: September 2021
The Massachusetts General Hospital Dauten Family Center for Bipolar Treatment Innovation (DCBI) is seeking applicants for a Clinical Research Intern (CRI) position. The aim of the DCBI is to evaluate psychiatric and psychosocial treatments for bipolar disorder, to learn more about the causes and general course of this disorder, and to investigate the pathophysiology of the condition with neuroimaging and other biological markers. Our clinic participates in large-scale, multi-site, NIMH, industry, and privately-sponsored initiative.

CRIs will conduct a wide range of research activities within the DCBI. Typical tasks include:

- Calling, screening, and summarizing extensive and ongoing studies
- Conducting and summarizing extensive and ongoing literature reviews for project development and bibliographical support for publications
- Assisting with reorganization and cleaning of existing raw datasets
- Assisting with IRB and grant proposal preparations
- Performing clerical duties incidental to research-related tasks
- Presenting short talks on relevant clinical and research topics to the DCBI staff
- Indirect patient contact will be granted through observing clinical interviews and scoring subsequent clinical and neuropsychiatric assessments
The CRI will be encouraged to attend speaking engagements and hospital training on a variety of topics including fMRI safety training, phlebotomy, statistics, etc. This position is intended as an academic and experiential learning opportunity for students.

The CRI will primarily work on research projects that include, but are not limited to, psychosocial interventions (e.g., mindfulness-based, cognitive behavioral, lifestyle changes), medication-based trials (e.g., new medications, dose-response, examination of a side effects), online and mobile phone based studies, as well as a transcranial laser therapy study pilot testing a near infrared LED device.

We are seeking students excited about the field of mood disorders, eager to learn more, creative in their pursuit of knowledge, and able to think critically as they take on new tasks simultaneously are key characteristics for unsuccessful candidates. Candidates should have knowledge of basic statistical methods as well as a willingness to learn. Experience with REDCap, Excel, R, SPSS, and EndNote (or similar citation managers) are a plus, but not required. Previous clinical experience and familiarity working with datasets (even in a classroom setting) are also preferred. Please mention any prior experience in clinical setting, such as hospital volunteering or shadowing, in your cover letter.