

Research Associate Position

University of Pittsburgh

Full-time Research Associate (RA) position available in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Pittsburgh. The RA will work on a large, longitudinal research study, the Pittsburgh Girls Study (PGS) under the direction of Dr. Alison Hipwell and Dr. Kate Keenan. In this NIH-funded study, a sample of 2,450 girls from the City of Pittsburgh has been followed annually for 19 years to track developmental patterns of psychopathology and contexts of influence. As part of a new project examining lifetime stress exposure on pregnancy and child health (PGS-ECHO), we are now also following a subsample of 800 PGS participants and their offspring.

RA responsibilities include conducting prenatal face-to-face interviews in the research lab, administering standardized experimental stress paradigms and collecting psychophysiological data, assisting in coding observational data and conducting developmental assessments of the offspring (6 -36 months). The RA will also help enter, manage, track, and analyze data.

The ideal candidate will have an interest in psychological research and working with women and children; will be organized, attentive to detail and protocol, yet creative in solving problems; will have excellent interpersonal and communication skills and will work well as a team - each assessment involves the coordination of several staff members working together.

Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree in Psychology or related field
- Minimum one year work or volunteer experience in a psychology or psychiatry research setting
- Act 33/34/73 Clearances (Child Abuse/Criminal History/FBI)

A two-year commitment is expected.

Must be available to work some weekend and evening hours as needed.

Interested candidates please send a statement of interest, CV, and contact information for three references to Amy Blackford at blackforda@upmc.edu. Please specify ECHO-RA position in the subject line. We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.