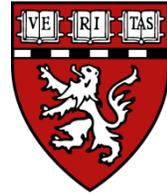




NAPLS-3 & Early Psychosis Research Volunteer

Harvard Medical School

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The Psychosis Research Center (PRP) of HMS-Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (BIDMC), in Massachusetts Mental Health Center (MMHC), is accepting applications for research volunteers for spring 2019 and/or the summer 2019. This position will primarily involve work with the North American Prodrome Longitudinal Study (NAPLS-3), and will likely involve participating in activities related to other similar studies with our group. We are seeking highly motivated, detail-oriented undergraduates or recent graduates who are able to commit to a minimum of 10-15 hours/week during the spring semester and/or a minimum of 20 hours/week during the summer. Additionally, we encourage students who are interested in co-op position (4-5 days/week) in conjunction with our CEDAR Clinic to apply.

The primary focus of NAPLS-3 is to investigate risk factors and mechanisms (clinical, cognitive, and biological) associated with the onset of psychotic illnesses including schizophrenia. Our research team (PI: William Stone, PhD; Project Director: Michelle West, PhD) is one of 9 NAPLS sites across North America.

Responsibilities may include:

- Guiding participants through our research studies
- Assisting in the administration of EEG recordings in the Longwood Medical Area
- Assisting in the administration of MRI scans at the Martinos Bioimaging Center
- Handling biological samples (blood/urine/saliva) and preparing collection kits
- Data entry and other administrative duties, e.g. preparing study materials
- Attending weekly staff and diagnostic meetings, grand rounds, and seminars

Depending on volunteers' time and interests, there are opportunities to become more involved with the various study procedures, including the administration of MRI, EEG, and cognitive testing procedures (after thorough training on relevant procedures). Students who are particularly motivated are also encouraged to complete a scholarly project, supervised by RAs and a psychologist, and have the experience of presenting it to our group. The project may involve conducting a literature review and/or performing analyses on available data.

This position provides valuable learning opportunities for individuals who are considering applying to graduate school in clinical psychology or medical school, especially those who are interested in research on the development and progression of psychosis. Additionally, other collaborators are often seeking undergraduate volunteers; we may be able to connect appropriate applicants who are not selected for this position with these other options in our system.

To apply, please send a resume and cover letter to Simone Sanders, asander2@bidmc.harvard.edu. Selected applicants will be invited for an interview with Simone and Ryan Guest (NAPLS-3 Study Coordinators) and Dr. Michelle West (NAPLS-3 Project Director).