Post Baccalaureate Research Fellow
at Drexel University’s City Center Clinic for Behavioral Medicine

JOB DESCRIPTION:
Drexel University’s Center City Clinic for Behavioral Medicine is recruiting a volunteer Post-Baccalaureate Research Fellow to serve as a research project coordinator, working under the supervision of Drs. Virginia O’Hayer and David Bennett. The position begins immediately, though a start date as late as July 1 can be discussed. Ideal candidates will have an interest in clinical health psychology and/or medicine. More specifically, successful applicants’ interests may include treatment outcome research, Acceptance and Commitment Therapy, mental health care for HIV+ individuals, and mental health care for individuals with Cystic Fibrosis.

STUDY:
The two ongoing studies are treatment outcome studies. The primary study is a randomized-controlled study examining the efficacy of Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) to decrease shame, depression, anxiety and other psychological symptoms in people living with HIV. The second study is a pilot study testing the feasibility and acceptability of ACT via telehealth for individuals with Cystic Fibrosis. ACT with HIV has been ongoing for nearly 6 years, and ACT with CF has been ongoing for 3 years.

RESPONSIBILITIES:
The post-bac research coordinator will perform both administrative and research-related tasks, and will manage research assistants. Daily responsibilities will include recruiting, screening and consenting patients for the study, collecting data, inputting data, working with masters-level therapists to schedule study participants, analyzing data, and preparing manuscripts and conference materials for publication and presentation. The time commitment for this volunteer position is roughly 20-30 hours per week.

SUPPORT:
This is a fantastic opportunity for individuals looking for additional research experience before applying to medical school, or graduate school in clinical psychology. Former Research Coordinators have gone on to complete Medical degrees, master’s degrees in Public Health, and doctoral degrees in clinical psychology. Applicants with exceptional initiative may have several opportunities to submit and present research materials at conferences, as well as draft manuscripts for publication. Alongside psychiatry residents and masters-level therapists, post-bacs will participate in weekly didactics and case conferences lead by staff psychologists. Opportunities to observe group Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT) sessions, co-lead workshops, and participate in ACT and DBT training may also be available for post-bacs. Additionally, we provide support in the form of mentorship while applying for graduate school, and can provide reimbursement for daily parking.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:
-A Bachelor’s degree in Psychology, Social Work, Pre-Med, or related field
-Prior research experience
-Ability to communicate effectively and appropriately with peers, student therapists, staff members and patients
-Ability to set and meet deadlines
-Extremely strong organizational skills
-Ability to work independently and as a team
PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:
- Experience in working with SPSS
- Experience in project coordination
- Experience in working with IRB
- Leadership/management experience
- Strong writing skills

Commitment is ideally for one full calendar year, but a shorter or longer term can be negotiated.

Application Deadline: **May 25**, or when filled.

Please feel free to contact us for more information. Interested applicants should send a CV and cover letter to Caitlin O’Loughlin at **cmo98@drexel.edu**.