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**Research Assistant Positions**  
**The Laboratory of Adult Development**  
**Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School**  
**Principal Investigator: Robert J. Waldinger, M.D.**

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The Laboratory of Adult Development in the Massachusetts General Hospital Department of Psychiatry is looking for part-time Research Assistants starting as soon as possible (with a preference for those who could stay on from January to June) to work on the study described below.

**Study Description:**

The Harvard Study of Adult Development is a longitudinal study that has been following two groups of men over the last 80 years to identify the psychosocial predictors of healthy aging across generations. These groups are from the Grant Study, which is composed of 268 Harvard graduates from the classes of 1939-1944, and the Glueck Study, which is composed of 456 men who grew up in the inner-city neighborhoods of Boston. For an overview of the study by P.I. Dr. Robert Waldinger, watch this TED talk:

[www.ted.com/talks/robert\\_waldinger\\_what\\_makes\\_a\\_good\\_life\\_lessons\\_from\\_the\\_longest\\_study\\_on\\_happiness](https://www.ted.com/talks/robert_waldinger_what_makes_a_good_life_lessons_from_the_longest_study_on_happiness)

**Study Website:** <https://www.adultdevelopmentstudy.org/>

**Our Current Work:**

We are now studying the 1,300+ children of our original participants through the Second Generation Study, as well as continuing studies on the original Grant and Glueck participants themselves. Our new project aims to research the effect of childhood experiences on lifelong health and health outcomes. We aim to create a rich dataset that offers a detailed model of how early events help shape our well-being throughout our lifespans. Research assistants will have the opportunity to learn research skills as they contribute to this exciting intergenerational project.

**Responsibilities:**

- Data entry and various administrative duties
- Preparing and verifying information
- Data management and cleaning
- Online sleuthing and “detective work” using publicly available genealogical records
- Willingness to be part of a fun, supportive team

**Qualifications:**

Applicants should possess excellent interpersonal and organizational skills and be comfortable working both independently and as part of a team. We are seeking research assistants who are detail-oriented, careful, reliable, and who have excellent time management skills. Some experience with research is beneficial, though not required. Experience with SPSS is a plus. This

is an excellent opportunity for those interested in gaining research experience and those considering pursuing a graduate degree in psychology, social sciences/sociology, or medicine.

**Minimum GPA:** 3.3

**Transportation:**

- North Station (Commuter Rail, Orange Line, Green Lines C and E) is within 3 minutes walking distance from the office
- We offer travel reimbursement for public transportation to the office

**Hours per week:** 10-20 hours per week, days and times are flexible

**Salary:** \$12.75 / hour

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*If interested, please send resume and cover letter to Mina Antic, Study Coordinator:*

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