Research Assistant 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 research assistant to work 20 hours/week, beginning June 1. An earlier or later start date is possible. 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:
This position involves working with the Post-Baccalaureate Fellow, who will serve as the project’s research coordinator. Responsibilities will include assisting with both administrative and research-related tasks such as: 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.

SUPPORT:
This is a fantastic opportunity for individuals looking for additional research experience before applying to medical school or graduate school 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, research assistants 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 exceptionally qualified candidates. Additionally, we provide mentorship while applying for graduate school.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:
- Enrollment in a bachelor’s degree one of the above degrees with at least two years completed for Research Assistant applicants
- Prior research experience
- Ability to communicate effectively and appropriately with peers, student therapists, staff members and patients
- Ability to set and meet deadlines
- Ability to work independently and as a team

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PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:
- Bachelor’s degree
- Experience in working with SPSS
- Strong writing skills

Commitment is for either Summer 2018 (flexible start and end dates), or for one full calendar year. 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 as soon as possible.