

Research Associate

Position at the University of Pittsburgh

Two Full-time Research Associate (RA) positions are available in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Pittsburgh. The RAs will work on a large, longitudinal research study, the Pittsburgh Girls Study (PGS) under the direction of Drs. Alison Hipwell and Kate Keenan. In this NIH-funded study, a sample of 2,450 girls from the City of Pittsburgh has been followed annually for 20 years to track developmental patterns of and contextual influences on health. Several current projects are focused on stress exposures and racial disparities in perinatal, metabolic, and cardiovascular health.

RA responsibilities include data collection from PGS participants and their offspring via face-to-face interviews in the laboratory and include standardized assessments of reactivity to stress, emotion, attention, cognition, and positive health. RAs participate in preprocessing and editing of psychophysiological data and coding of observational data. Research Associates have the opportunity to engage in data dissemination in the form of conference presentations and manuscripts. This is an excellent opportunity for individuals interested in pursuing graduate education in clinical health sciences.

The ideal candidate will have an interest in psychological research and working with women and children from diverse racial, economic, and educational backgrounds; 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.

Our research program celebrates and respects diversity in all forms and we encourage applications from members of groups underrepresented in clinical science.

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.