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

The Laboratory of Adult Development in the Massachusetts General Hospital Department of Psychiatry is looking for part-time volunteer Research Assistants starting as soon as possible (with a preference for those who could stay on for a year) 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. 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

Our Current Work
We are currently studying the 1,300+ children (aged 50-70) of the original Study participants as well as the original study participants themselves. Our primary aim is to understand how childhood adversity and attitudes toward aging may impact midlife health. Research assistants will have the opportunity to learn research skills as they contribute to this exciting intergenerational project, and to interact and collaborate with a variety of professionals in medicine and psychology.

Responsibilities
• Data entry and various administrative duties
• Preparing and verifying information related to lab visits
• Creating follow-up documents for study participants
• Data management and cleaning
• Performing miscellaneous tasks related to lab organization
• Minimum of 8-10 hours per week, days and times are flexible
• 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 and well-organized and who have excellent time management skills. Some experience with research is beneficial, though not required. Experience with SPSS is also a plus. This is an excellent opportunity for those interested in a research experience and also those considering pursuing a graduate degree in psychology, social sciences/sociology, or medicine.

If interested, please send resume and cover letter to Stine Pehmoller, Study Coordinator: skpehmoller@mgh.harvard.edu
We offer travel reimbursement for public transportation to the office.