



**Volunteer Research Assistant Positions
The Laboratory of Adult Development**



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Study Description

The Study of Adult Development (the Grant Study at Harvard Medical School) is a longitudinal study that has been following two groups of men over the last 70 years to identify psychosocial predictors of healthy aging. The Harvard cohort, known as the "Grant Study," is a group of 268 Harvard graduates from the classes of 1939-1944. The Inner-City cohort, known as the "Glueck Study," is a group of 456 men who grew up in the inner-city neighborhoods of Boston. Questions of interest include what aspects of childhood and adult experience predict happy and healthy adjustments to life, marriage and successful aging, and how late life marriage is linked with health and well-being. We have also identified variables that are linked with poor physical or mental health, unhappy marriages, and poor adjustment to retirement later in life.

Responsibilities

Research Assistants will assist with a new project examining developmental trajectories of depressive symptomatology across the lifespan. Tasks will include coding complex narrative data for depression symptoms from participants' adolescence into old age, data management, and various administrative duties. In addition, RAs are invited to attend weekly project meetings and discussions of research design and data analysis. RAs will work directly with the PI and will receive mentorship in career development and research methods. Commitment is for 10 hours per week until July 2015. Days and times are flexible.

Qualifications

This is an excellent opportunity for those interested in a research experience and/or pursuing a graduate degree in psychology. We are looking for applicants with a background in psychology and research, including past coursework in abnormal psychology and knowledge of SPSS. Ideal candidates possess maturity, excellent interpersonal skills, and are comfortable working both independently and as part of a team. Applicants should have a minimum GPA of 3.6.

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(Note: If interested we will ask applicants to provide three references)