



Volunteer Research Assistant Positions
The Laboratory of Adult Development
Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School
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The Laboratory of Adult Development in the Massachusetts General Hospital Department of Psychiatry is looking for part-time volunteer Research Assistants for the 2015-2016 academic year (fall semester with the option to stay on for a second semester) 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 76 years to identify the psychosocial predictors of healthy aging across generations.

Our Current Work

We are now beginning our new project to study the more than 2100 children (aged 50-70) of the original Study participants. The purpose of this project is to use prospectively-collected data about childhood adversity to understand how childhood experiences affect midlife health and wellbeing. Research assistants will have the opportunity to contribute to this new intergenerational project.

Responsibilities

- Data entry and various administrative duties.
- Coding qualitative data, developing databases for new projects
- Archiving study documents
- Attending weekly project meetings and discussions of research design and data analysis.
- Commitment is for 8-10 hours per week, days and times are flexible.

Qualifications

Applicants should possess maturity and excellent interpersonal skills and be comfortable working both independently and as part of a team. Some experience with research is beneficial, though not required. 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.

Send resume and cover letter to Hannah Yee, Study Coordinator: hmyee@mgh.harvard.edu