



Department of Family and Community Medicine

Title: Full-time Research Assistant and Study Coordinator
Department of Family and Community Medicine
Meharry Medical College
Nashville, Tennessee

Supervisor: Matt Morris, Ph.D., HSP

Position Summary: Primary responsibilities will be coordinating and conducting assessments for an NIMH-funded study entitled, '*Models of Risk for PTSD*'. Applicants will be trained to conduct clinical interviews (Structured Clinical Interview for DSM-V, Clinician-Administered PTSD Scale) and will gain familiarity with the collection of biological stress markers. Applicants will be trained to administer neuropsychological tests assessing executive function, psychosocial stress tasks, and a thermal pain testing protocol. Interested applicants will also receive training in data analysis and manuscript/poster preparation and will receive funding to present at national conferences.

Education/Experience:

Bachelor's degree is required. Prior research experience preferred.

Position Description:

- Conducts semi-structured clinical interviews under the supervision of Dr. Morris.
- Administers psychosocial stress tasks, neuropsychological testing, and pain testing protocol.
- Oversees collection of biological stress markers (saliva samples, hair samples, heart rate).
- Performs data entry, cleaning and management.
- Performs administrative functions and miscellaneous job-related duties as needed.
- Performs recruitment through online, community and hospital settings

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Ability to utilize and maintain advanced scientific equipment and facilities.
- Good computer skills in order to utilize electronic equipment and statistical programs (SPSS) for data entry, cleaning, and management.
- Understanding the safety of human research subjects and HIPAA guidelines is critical.
- Clinical skills in interacting with adolescents and adults, some of whom may have emotional and/or behavioral problems.
- Effective interpersonal skills necessary to interact with internal and external contacts.
- Ability to handle confidential data.

Environmental Conditions & Physical Demands:

- Flexibility in work schedule is required due to possible evening or weekend research assessments.
- Usual clinical laboratory/hospital working environment.
- Mobility.
- Visual and auditory acuity.
- Manual dexterity.
- Reliable transportation is required due to recruitment site locations

Contact Dr. Matthew Morris at mmorris@mmc.edu for more information about the position and how to apply.