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From: SRP-LIST <srp-list-bounces@psychopathology.org> **On Behalf Of** Friedman-Yakoobian,Michelle (BIDMC - Psychiatry)**Sent:** Friday, October 08, 2021 11:39 AM**To:** srp-list@psychopathology.org**Subject:** [SRP-LIST] please share this RA job posting!

Dear Colleagues,

We are hiring a full time research assistant for a new study focused on developing school and work coaching program for youth at CHR-P. Please share this with any good potential candidates (this is a great position for a recent college grad and/or someone looking to move from a more clinical Bachelor level position to one that also provides some opportunities to learn about research.

Best,

Michelle Friedman-Yakoobian

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Research Assistant (CRA-1) in Early Psychosis Research**Job Location:** Boston, Massachusetts (mainly virtual with some in person)**Department Description:** Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center Teaching Hospital of Harvard Medical School**Principal Investigator:** Michelle Friedman-Yakoobian, PhD (hiring manager)**Brief Job Summary:** We are seeking applicants for a full time (40 hours per week) research assistant (RA) position to begin as soon as possible. The RA would work as a member the Psychosis Research Program (PRP) of BIDMC, with a focus on our clinical high risk for psychosis (CHR-P) clinical and research program.

The RA will serve as the coordinator and primary school and vocational coach for a new NIMH-funded study examining the development and pilot evaluation of an intervention focused on supporting school functioning for youth ages 12-18 who are showing signs of clinical high risk for developing psychosis (InVEST – Individualized Vocational and Educational Support and Training – [see a recent publication describing this program here](#)).

The RA will also help with coordinating and contributing to other studies focused on youth at clinical high risk for psychosis within the department, including a study examining brain energy metabolism in youth at risk for psychosis using MRI imaging in collaboration with McLean Hospital.

The position is situated in the Department of Psychiatry at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, located on the Harvard Longwood campus in Boston (the RA will also have an option of working remotely for most of the time). The RA will join a vibrant clinical and research community with many opportunities to interact with clinicians, researchers and trainees in psychology, counseling, social work and psychiatry. The RA will report to and work closely with Dr. Friedman-Yakoobian, Principal Investigator of the InVEST study and the Founder and Director of Research and Development for the Center for Early Detection, Assessment and Response to Risk Clinic (CEDAR), a coordinated specialty clinic for youth and clinical high risk for psychosis. Opportunities for professional development abound and include attending Harvard Longwood psychiatry grand rounds, clinical seminars provided by the CEDAR Clinic, attending specialized trainings pertaining to evidence-based practices for early psychosis, and co-authoring posters and scholarly

publications. This is an excellent opportunity for someone who is interested in gaining both research and clinical experience that will prepare them for applications to graduate school in clinical psychology, counseling, social work or medical school. The right candidate will be prepared to commit to working in this position for at least two years, and be highly organized and motivated with a warm and professional interpersonal style.

Responsibilities include:

1. Project management, including overseeing and contributing to study recruitment, data entry and management, and coordination of client visits.
2. Prepare reports and documents for the institutional review board (IRB).
3. Meet with youth ages 12-18 to provide school/ work coaching and contribute to the development and testing of a manual for the InVEST intervention.
4. Assist with clinical assessments and cognitive testing.
5. Develop and manage the study website.
6. Help to coordinate outreach initiatives and professional trainings to help raise awareness of how to identify signs of risk for psychosis and refer for specialized assessment and treatment at our center.
7. Managing research regulatory requirements
8. Conducting literature reviews and contributing to scholarly presentations and publications
9. Supervise 1-2 undergraduate volunteers

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in psychology, social work, or a related field
- Experience using REDcap, Excel, and SPSS preferred
- Experience with research studies preferred
- Experience in human services position (either volunteer or professional) strongly preferred
- Strong communication, interpersonal, organizational, and leadership skills
 - Interest in working with youth with mental health conditions and ability to use supervision and training to learn to interact safely and professionally with individuals whose reality testing, mood regulation, behavior, and/or hygiene may be impaired
 - Commitment to providing culturally competent services and care
- Proficiency with website development (e.g., using Squarespace or Weebly) is a plus
- Fluency in another language (especially Spanish) is a plus.

Applications

We are accepting applications immediately, on a rolling basis until the position is filled, with interviews anticipated to occur via Zoom in October and a likely start date in early November. Interested candidates please send one document containing a one-page cover letter, a resume, and three references (including their email addresses) to Jasmine Gi Yi Ho (gho@bidmc.harvard.edu). Your letter should clearly state your experience working in mental health services and/or research, as well as your interest in early psychosis

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