

Clinical Research Assistant at the Oregon Health & Sciences University

Department Overview

The OHSU Department of Psychiatry, part of the OHSU Brain Institute, focuses on providing excellent clinical treatment to our patients, leading innovative research, and offering hands-on training for the next generation of psychiatrists. Our specialists care for people of every culture and background and it is our mission to value and show appreciation for diversity, showing respect for all people who we treat, teach, and serve.

OHSU is conducting multiple studies on pregnant women and their children in the areas of diet, nutrition, behavior, learning and cognitive functioning under the direction of Principal Investigators, Elinor Sullivan Ph.D., Hanna Gustafsson, Ph.D., and Joel Nigg, Ph.D. This position will assist the projects as a point of contact for families interested in the study. The majority of duties will include running data collection visits with participants including behavioral assessment with infants, toddlers, and children, recruitment of participants, scheduling visits and collecting biological samples. Other duties include preparing and processing materials needed for each research visit, filing, copying, data processing and other general duties in support of the goals of the study. The candidate will also complete behavioral coding of videotapes of parent/child dyads. The candidate will also attend weekly laboratory staff meetings with the PIs and senior staff members. Essential qualifications include multi-tasking, dependability, attention to detail, and ability to work at a fast paced, timely manner. Skilled at oral, email, and written communication. Previous experience working with mothers and infants in a research setting is desired. Prior experience in EEG/ERP data collection or MRI data collection is preferred. Intermediate computer experience with Word and Excel, is preferred. Interest in mental health or healthcare is desired. A regular work schedule will be assigned and must be maintained. The candidate will be required to perform weekend and evening work as needed to complete the goals of the study.

Function/Duties of Position

- Lead recruitment and scheduling of participants; conducting phone screens.
- Lead data collection visits with participants including behavioral assessment, EEG recordings with children, and MRI scans.
- Lead biological sample collection.
- Preparing and processing materials needed for each research visit.
- Perform additional duties as requested by principle investigators or supervisors.
- Attend laboratory staff meetings with the PI and staff members.
- Behavioral coding of maternal/infant pairs

Required Qualifications

- Bachelor's Degree with major courses in field of research **OR**
- AA and 2 years of relevant experience **OR**
- 3 years of relevant experience **OR**
- Equivalent combination of training and experience
- Basic computer and office related skills.
- Strong communication skills, both verbal and written.

Preferred Qualifications

- Bachelor's Degree or major studies in Psychology or Biology or a related field.
- Previous experience working with women and children in a research setting is desired.
- REDCap data tool experience highly desired.

All are welcome

Oregon Health & Science University values a diverse and culturally competent workforce. We are proud of our commitment to being an equal opportunity, affirmative action organization that does not discriminate against applicants on the basis of any protected class status, including disability status and protected veteran status. Individuals with diverse backgrounds and those who promote diversity and a culture of inclusion are encouraged to apply. To request reasonable accommodation contact the Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity Department at 503-494-5148 or aaeo@ohsu.edu.

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