

Bradley/Hasbro Children's Research Center

Rhode Island Hospital
Clinical Research Assistant

INTRODUCTION TO THE Bradley Hasbro Children's Research Center (BHCRC): The BHCRC jointly houses Bradley Hospital and Rhode Island Hospital psychologists, child psychiatrists, postdoctoral fellows, psychology interns and research staff and provides a climate of active research and productive collaboration within the center and throughout the larger Brown Medical School affiliated hospital systems.

OPEN POSITIONS: The Adolescent Risk Prevention Research Lab in the BHCRC is looking for full-time clinical research assistants who may work across three NIH-funded research projects. 1) Project LIVE is examining adolescents' abilities to regulate emotions as a predictor of substance use. The study uses physiological assessment of emotion regulation (respiratory sinus arrhythmia) while middle schoolers participate in an emotionally arousing virtual reality party situation. 2) Project STRONG is focused on preventing dating violence in early adolescent males through a web-based intervention program that youth and a parent complete together. This program aims to teach skills like emotion regulation and communication, which are key factors in dating violence behaviors. 3) Project iTRAC will develop and test a digital health program aimed at reducing adolescent sexual risk behaviors by teaching emotion regulation skills and sexual health together to early adolescents. All positions include a combination of research and clinical (assessment and/or treatment) components and focus on work with middle school adolescents. It also involves consideration of creating inclusive science that is representative of the communities that participate. Commitment to two years in a position is preferred, with a desired start date of late May or early June.

RESEARCH DUTIES: Research duties may include presenting research opportunities to youth and families in school or pediatric primary care settings; completing research assessments and interviews; conducting data entry, cleaning, and analysis; preparing submissions to the Institutional Review Board (IRB); drafting study progress reports for funders; coding of participant data; as well as collaborating with community partners and stakeholders. Project LIVE involves the collection of psychophysiological data as well. Participation in multidisciplinary discussions regarding research design and implementation is expected.

OTHER: Mentorship from PhD-level psychologists and opportunities to participate and assist with academic tasks (e.g., poster presentations, writing scientific articles for publication, and grant submissions) are provided. A strong academic record is important and past research experience is desirable.

QUALIFICATIONS: • Baccalaureate Degree in a Human Service field preferably in psychology, neuroscience, or related fields. • A career interest in clinical psychology or health-related field. • Excellent computer and communication (verbal and written) skills. • Past research project experience (preferred).

• Strong organizational and interpersonal skills. • The ability to work well with adolescents and parents. • A strong sense of responsibility towards work. • A willingness to tackle complex tasks in an independent manner.

• Proficiency in the use of Microsoft applications. • Knowledge of SPSS is not required but is desirable. • Possession of a car for participant home visits in Rhode Island will be required. • Professional proficiency or native fluency in Spanish is not required but is desirable.

Note: We are actively trying to increase the diversity and representativeness of Bradley Hasbro Children's Research Center to match the community it serves. Applicants from diverse backgrounds and/or who speak Spanish are strongly encouraged to apply.

HOW TO APPLY: To apply, please send a cover letter and resume/CV to Sam Rueter (rihprojectstrong@gmail.com), who is collecting applications on behalf of Christopher Houck, PhD and Christie Rizzo, PhD, no later than February 1, 2023. We will review applications as they are received and contact applicants to extend interview invitations. Positions will be filled as soon as qualified candidates are found.

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