

Clinical Research Assistant McLean Hospital OCD Institute

The Obsessive Compulsive Disorder Institute (OCDI) at McLean Hospital in Belmont, Massachusetts is recruiting a full-time, in-person Clinical Research Assistant to begin late June - early July 2026 for a one-year position with the possibility of renewal for a second year.

The RA will manage several studies about the treatment and assessment of OCD and related disorders, which will involve working directly in-person with adult patients in treatment at the OCD Institute (a partial hospital/residential treatment facility). The RA will work with OCDI investigators on both internally and externally (NIMH, foundation) funded projects, with current projects related to behavioral and psychophysiological mechanisms of exposure therapy, cognitive biases, smartphone interventions, genetics of OCD, machine learning prediction, longitudinal treatment outcomes, and measure development.

The RA will work under the direction of Principal Investigators (Dr. Martha Falkenstein & Dr. Jennie Kuckertz) and will also work with a team of research staff, as well as the clinical staff at the OCD Institute. The RA will manage progress monitoring for all patients in the program, which is completed as part of standard clinical care at admission, discharge, and weekly during their treatment. Specific duties will include administering data collection, conducting clinical assessments, communicating assessment information to clinical teams, overseeing database management, writing scripts in R to manage databases, contributing to running the day-to-day operations for research protocols, presenting research findings to clinical teams, and IRB management.

This is an excellent opportunity to prepare for graduate study in clinical psychology, and mentorship in the application process will be provided. Opportunities to initiate or assist in preparing conference submissions and writing scientific articles for publication are possible and encouraged. Depending on interest, RAs may also have opportunities to shadow and/or co-lead treatment groups, as well as to obtain training in diagnostic interviewing and delivery of exposure and response prevention (ERP) sessions.

Interested applicants must have a bachelor's degree in psychology or a related field and a minimum of one year of human subjects research. Experience working with individuals in clinical or healthcare settings is preferred. We value applicants who demonstrate an ability to work independently and as part of a team, strong initiative, solid problem-solving skills, excellent communication, and attention to detail. Ideal candidates will have a strong willingness to learn and/or previous experience with statistical software (e.g., R, SPSS) and database management (e.g., REDCap, Qualtrics).

More information about the lab can be found at <https://ocdiocar.mclean.harvard.edu/>

For interested applicants, please submit an application at this link: <https://forms.gle/sv6WaNsfPgLjzsHTA>. If you have any technical difficulties with this application form, please send a CV and cover letter to Martha Falkenstein, PhD (mfalkenstein@mclean.harvard.edu).