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RESEARCH AND PREVENTION IN SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS

Role: Clinical Research Coordinator – Veteran Suicide Prevention

Location: in person at the James J. Peters VA Medical Center in the Bronx, NY

Start date: Summer 2026

Duration: 2-year minimum

The **Mental Illness Research, Education and Clinical Center (MIRECC)** at the James J. Peters VA (JJPVA) Medical Center in the Bronx is an internationally recognized leader in understanding, treating, and improving outcomes for Veterans with heightened suicide risk (see <https://www.mirecc.va.gov/MIRECC/visn2/index.asp>). Our discovery-to-recovery approach emphasizes uncovering the root causes of mental illness, identifying risk factors, and developing innovative treatments—particularly for suicide. Our research spans the full spectrum from basic science to applied clinical services, incorporating biological, cognitive-behavioral, social, and systems-level approaches. We partner with other VA sites, including the Denver VA, East Orange VA, and the VISN 17 Waco Texas Center for Excellence.

The MIRECC's director, **Dr. Marianne Goodman, MD**, is seeking a full-time Clinical Research Coordinator to support the MIRECC and her suicide prevention treatment development portfolio including a 2-year AFSP-funded study "**Orexin Antagonism to Target Mechanisms of Suicide Risk: A Proof-of-Concept Clinical Trial**" (see more study details here: <https://clinicaltrials.gov/study/NCT06854224?tab=study>) and group based psychotherapeutic interventions such as **Project Life Force**.

Applicants should have a B.A or M.A in psychology (or related field) and a strong interest in developing a clinical research career. Experience as a research assistant preferred. Applicants must be available to work in person at the Bronx VA as this is NOT a remote or hybrid position. We have strong track record of supporting our RA staff to gain acceptances to top graduate schools.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities include:

- Coordinate and implement clinical research activities including but not limited to: answering phone calls, screening participants for eligibility, tracking subjects referrals and progress, administering questionnaires, psychological interviews and other standardized testing, maintaining follow-up with active participants.
- Obtain informed consent from participants who wish to enroll and educate participants regarding study requirements.
- Conduct in-person and remote study visits in a structured manner, ensuring adherence to the protocol, HIPAA, and the IRB's guidelines.
- Support recruitment efforts and build relationships with JJPVA staff.
- Ensure participant retention by maintaining engagement throughout the study.
- Assist with new grant applications (ie., perform literature review and drafting with the support of the PI).



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- Prepare new protocol submissions, amendments, and renewals. Prepare the necessary documentation for Institutional Review Board IRB submission and review.
- Create and manage study databases (e.g., REDCap) and support data entry, extraction, cleaning, and analysis. Maintain knowledge of the VA's current regulations and technologies related to data management.
- Perform other related duties for the research protocol and PI Marianne Goodman.

Requirements:

- A bachelor's degree in psychology, public health, or a related field.
- Prior experience working in a research or direct care setting with Veterans or individuals with suicide risk and/or serious mental illness.
- Exceptional interpersonal skills with the ability to interact compassionately and effectively with all individuals.
- Strong oral and written communication skills.
- High attention to detail and excellent organizational abilities.
- Strong problem-solving, time management, and database management skills.
- Proficiency in Windows Suite programs (Excel, Word, PowerPoint).
- Familiarity with REDCap, Qualtrics, or RStudio is a plus.

Contact: Interested candidates should send the following materials to Emilia Fonseca:

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1. Resume
2. Cover letter
4. Contact information for two professional references