

# Human Research Technologist in Family and Community Medicine at Penn State University

## POSITION SPECIFICS

The Department of Family and Community Medicine Research Division at Penn State College of Medicine is seeking a full-time human research technologist (HRT)/research assistant.

The HRT will assist with the recruitment and retention of participants in family and community medicine research to examine and reduce health disparities across vulnerable and underserved urban and rural populations. The research assistant will support a National Institutes of Health research study, the [Healthy Brain and Child Development Study](#), under the director of Dr. Aleksandra Zgierska (PI). This study is designed to better understand the impact of different life experiences on early brain and child development. The role will support timely and informed research including MRI and EEG testing, behavioral assessments, biospecimen collection and processing, and social-emotional development from newborn through early childhood. The candidate will be responsible for conducting informed consent and collection of quality data in a culturally respectful manner.

The HRT will demonstrate strong interpersonal skills to engage with research participants and team members across diverse backgrounds, skills, and education in support of research activities including participant recruitment, screening, informed consent, scheduling, data entry, and biospecimen collection.

Qualified candidates will be detail oriented, produce high quality work, communicate clearly and accurately, both verbally and in writing, demonstrate strong planning and organizational skills, and participate in and support team decisions and team responsibilities. Some local/regional travel may be required. Ability to be near MRI scanner is required.

## MINIMUM EDUCATION, WORK EXPERIENCE & REQUIRED CERTIFICATIONS

Associate Degree No prior relevant work experience required; previous relevant work experience accepted in lieu of education. Required Certifications: None

## BACKGROUND CHECKS/CLEARANCES

This position requires the following clearances in addition to applicable background checks: PA State Police Criminal Background Check, PA Child Abuse History Clearance Form, and Federal (FBI) Fingerprint Criminal Background Check.

Penn State does not sponsor or take over sponsorship of a staff employment Visa. Applicants must be authorized to work in the U.S.

## **SALARY & BENEFITS**

The salary range for this position, including all possible grades, is \$38,300.00 - \$55,500.00.

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