

The Rhode Island Methods to Improve Diagnostic Assessment and Services (MIDAS) project is looking to hire research assistants (RAs), with a preferred start date of January 2027 or sooner. Candidates should be recent or upcoming college graduates with a psychology or neuroscience degree and an interest in going to graduate or medical school. In the South County Psychiatry outpatient psychiatry and intensive outpatient services, we have integrated research assessments into clinical practice. The MIDAS project is one of the largest clinical epidemiological studies using semi-structured diagnostic interviews ever conducted, and we have published more than 300 papers from our database. The RAs will be trained in conducting diagnostic interviews and writing clinical reports. The RAs will also be responsible for managing databases and entering data, submitting IRB applications, recruiting participants, and conducting other tasks associated with various ongoing assessment and treatment research projects in outpatient and intensive outpatient practices. Opportunities are available (and encouraged) for presenting research at national conferences and writing manuscripts for publication. Prior research assistants have published papers as first authors and have had a 100% success rate at getting into top-level graduate and medical schools.

Research assistant responsibilities include:
1) Performing Structured Clinical Interviews for DSM Disorder (SCID) diagnostic interviews.
2) Administering psychiatric measures to psychiatric outpatients (e.g., Hamilton Depression Rating Scale).
2) Writing psychiatric clinical reports.
3) Conducting various research-related tasks including entering data, data cleaning, participant recruitment, etc.
4) Conducting independent research projects using available data.
5) Training incoming research assistants on study procedures.

Preferred research assistant qualifications include:
1) An undergraduate major in psychology, neuroscience, or related fields.
2) A history of relevant coursework (e.g., abnormal psychology).
3) A strong academic record.
4) Prior research experience in psychology or related fields.
5) Experience with data analysis programs (e.g., SPSS, R studio).
6) Strong formal/research-oriented writing skills.
7) An interest in pursuing a graduate education in psychology or medicine.

Application information - applicants should include the following information on their CV and cover letter:
1) Undergraduate major/s.
2) Undergraduate major/s GPA and cumulative GPA.
3) Descriptions of research and clinical experience.
4) Description of research interests.
5) Descriptions of education and career goals.

Additional information:
1) The position requires a two-year commitment.
2) The position is hybrid - research assistants will be expected to be in-person approximately twice weekly at our office location in Cranston, Rhode Island.

Please submit applications, including a cover letter and CV, through the attached Google form: MIDAS Project Application Form

For additional information or questions about the position, please contact Tessa Whitham, B.A. (twhitham@scp-ri.com), Adiba Mobarak, B.A. (amobarak@scp-ri.com), or Mark Zimmerman, M.D. (mzimmerman@scp-ri.com).