

Project Coordinator and Research Assistant at Temple University

The Mood and Cognition Lab directed by Dr. Lauren B. Alloy in the Department of Psychology and Neuroscience at Temple University is hiring both a Project Coordinator and several Research Assistants starting Summer 2023. The positions primarily will support two NIMH-funded R01 grants on an integrative reward-inflammation model of first onset of major depression in adolescence and an integrative reward-circadian rhythm model of first onset of bipolar spectrum disorder in adolescence, respectively. The projects include monetary and social reward function (self-report, behavioral, fMRI), inflammation for the depression project (serological assays), circadian rhythm function for the bipolar project (saliva sampling for melatonin assays), diagnostic and symptom measures of depression and bipolar disorder and other psychopathology, life events, early adversity, cognitive styles and function, actigraphy, substance use, diet, sleep assessments, and ecological momentary assessment. Successful candidates for both positions will have the opportunity to engage in every stage of the research process, including implementation of new research protocols, recruitment and screening of potential adolescent participants, collecting, managing, and analyzing data, as well as co-authoring publications and conference presentations (including with already collected data from Dr. Alloy's previous NIMH-funded mood disorder projects). These positions are excellent opportunities for individuals seeking to gain research and clinical experience prior to graduate study in clinical psychology or related programs.

Application Information-

Required Qualifications:

Bachelor's degree in Psychology or related field, and at least two years (Project Coordinator) or one year (Research Assistant) of experience with projects involving human participants in a research setting. An equivalent combination of education and experience may be considered.

Demonstrated computer skills, and proficiency with MS Word, MS PowerPoint, and MS Excel.

Willingness to be trained and certified as a phlebotomist.

Willingness to be trained and certified to conduct MRI scans.

Demonstrated organizational and problem-solving skills.

Demonstrated ability to multi-task and work under tight deadlines.

Demonstrated leadership, interpersonal, communication, and collaborative skills, including the ability to interact with a diverse constituent population, as well as adolescents.

Demonstrated professional demeanor and sensitivity towards research participants.

Ability to work evenings or weekends, as required.

Preferred Qualifications:

Experience working with adolescents and/or clinical populations.

Experience leading teams and/or overseeing project systems and data (for Proj. Coord.).

Experience conducting diagnostic interviews.

Phlebotomy experience and/or certification.

Experience conducting or assisting with MRI scans.

Demonstrated ability to work with data programs (e.g., RedCap; SPSS; R; MATLAB; SPM, EPrime).

Experience preprocessing MRI or actigraphy data.

Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the positions have been filled. The earliest start date for both positions is May 1, 2023. Successful candidates must be able to conduct in-person research.

Interested applicants should send a cover letter and a CV (with references) directly to Dr. Lauren Alloy at lalloy@temple.edu and Jeneen Bryant at jeneen.bryant@temple.edu