

Part-Time Research Assistant, Health Equity and Action Lab
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Dr. Violeta Rodriguez is seeking a **part-time Research Assistant** to support ongoing and upcoming NIH-funded research at UIUC. This position is designed for individuals preparing for graduate training (e.g., PhD, MD, or related fields) who are seeking intensive experience in **scientific writing, statistical analysis, and grant development** within a high-impact research environment. The lab focuses on parenting, emotion regulation, and health equity using multimethod approaches (e.g., national surveys, qualitative interviews, ecological momentary assessment, actigraphy).

Primary Responsibilities

The Research Assistant will be embedded in the lab's core analytic and writing workflow and will contribute directly to peer-reviewed and grant-funded research:

- Supporting **manuscript development**, including drafting sections, revising drafts, and preparing submissions to journals
- Conducting **data analysis** (primarily in R), including data cleaning, statistical modeling, and generating publication-ready tables and figures
- Contributing to **grant development**, including synthesizing literature, drafting sections, and preparing materials for NIH and related submissions
- Managing complex datasets across multiple studies, including large-scale survey and intensive longitudinal data
- Supporting project coordination and mentoring undergraduate research assistants

This role prioritizes writing, analysis, and intellectual contribution, with targeted involvement in data collection (e.g., interviews, surveys) to support ongoing projects and ensure strong understanding of study design and data generation.

About the Lab: <https://publish.illinois.edu/healthequitylab/>

Qualifications: Applicants should:

- Hold a bachelor's degree in psychology, data science, statistics, or a related field
- Demonstrate strong interest in **research careers and graduate training**
- Have prior experience with **research writing and/or statistical analysis**
- Be highly organized, detail-oriented, and able to manage multiple projects independently

Preferred:

- Experience with **R or similar statistical programming languages**
- Strong foundation in quantitative methods (e.g., regression, psychometrics)
- Prior experience contributing to manuscripts, theses, or research reports

Position Details

- Part-time (**20–25 hours/week**)
- Hourly position, starting at \$21/hour (negotiable based on experience)
- Minimum 1-year commitment, with the possibility of renewal
- Start date: on or before August 1, 2026

To Apply: Please email vjrodrig@illinois.edu with questions. To apply, please send a CV, 1-page statement of experience and interests, and a list of three people who can serve as references.

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