



Position: Psychology Research Assistant

Organization: Women's Health Sciences Division, National Center for PTSD, VA Boston Healthcare System, Boston, MA

Job Description: The National Center for PTSD, Women's Health Sciences Division at VA Boston HealthCare System is seeking up to four full-time Research Assistants for an early summer (June/July) start date. The research assistant(s) will work closely with Principal Investigators and Division staff on research projects related to Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT), PTSD treatment and treatment outcome clinical trials, gender differences in traumatic stress exposure and comorbidity with self-destructive behaviors (e.g., self-directed violence, disordered eating, substance use), and health outcomes and stressors unique to women Veterans. Primary responsibilities include conducting telephone and in-person screening sessions, data collection, data analysis, participant recruitment and screening, administrative management of research studies, and assistance in the preparation of grants, presentations, and manuscripts.

Setting: The Women's Health Sciences Division in Boston, MA, specializes in the study of women Veterans and non-Veterans, with a particular focus on understanding gender differences in trauma exposure, trauma and stress in marginalized groups, community violence, and polytrauma psychopathology.

Requirements: Bachelor's degree in psychology or a closely related discipline; research experience. Interest in/experience working with individuals at risk of self-directed violence desired for one of the research technician positions.

Time Commitment: Two years, with the possibility of an extension.

Anticipated Start Date: June-July 2022

How to apply: Please submit:

- 1) a letter describing your interest in the position and related career goals,
- 2) a curriculum vita or resume,
- 3) a current unofficial transcript, and
- 4) contact information for three references.

This is an ideal position for those intending to apply to graduate school (MA or Ph.D.) in clinical psychology or a related discipline. Opportunities to present at national conferences and contribute to academic publications are available and encouraged.

Application/questions should be submitted to Lauren McSweeney, Ph.D., (lauren.mcsweeney@va.gov). Applications will be reviewed until the positions are filled.

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