

Position Title: COBRE Center for Sleep and Circadian Rhythms in Child and Adolescent Mental Health Research Assistant

The COBRE Center is hiring two Clinical Research Assistants at Bradley Hospital, a Brown Medical School affiliated hospital. One RA will be hired for a start date in January to work on the Sleep and Circadian Rhythm Core under the direct supervision of Dr. David Barker. Another RA will be hired to start in June as part of the Pediatric BioPsychology Core under the direct supervision of Dr. Jennifer Wolff. The role of the Research Assistant is to perform a variety of duties including project preparations, various recruitment and setup duties, interactions with participants and their families, and other duties necessary to aid and support research projects related to the Center for Sleep and Circadian Rhythms in Pediatric and Adolescent Mental Health. This position has an expected commitment of 2 years.

If you are interested in this position, please send a CV and cover letter to micaela_maron@brown.edu

PRINCIPAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The RA selected for this position will be provided with a significant amount of high-quality training in administering behavioral and psychological assessments and serving as a resource to other researchers. As such, the optimal candidate will be receptive to feedback on their performance throughout the duration of the position. These skills will be invaluable to any candidate who wishes to pursue a career and/or advanced study in a mental health-related field. Due to the nature of the position, the RA will be trusted with a great deal of responsibility for facilitating the ongoing research in accordance with established scientific protocol. It is essential that the RA be comfortable working with and interacting with research participants of all ages and a wide community of fellow researchers. The position requires clinical, interpersonal, and communication skills to handle sensitive topics and professional consultations. Flexibility, conscientiousness, and commitment to the program's goals and objectives are essential.

This full-time COBRE RA position includes a variety of duties undertaken in performing and assisting research projects. These duties include: attending center and study planning meetings; managing activities involved in study set-up and recruitment; maintaining the database battery; constructing and maintaining each project's database; assisting with the training for administering assessments and helping projects conduct assessments; providing technical assistance to Project Leaders. The RA will also participate in data entry to maintain consistency and accuracy through project dataset. The RA may help with accurate implementation of protocols for acquiring, processing, and storing biospecimens, such as saliva samples collected to measure circadian rhythms. Keeping current materials for the Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects is another key responsibility.

This position requires someone with exceptional "people skills," in addition to enthusiasm, organization, creativity, and determination. A flexible schedule is necessary during certain studies that may require activities in evenings or on weekends.

The RA will contribute towards expanding the accessibility, diversity, and equity of research conducted with the COBRE. Preference will be given to bilingual (English and Spanish speaking) candidates.

INDEPENDENT ACTION:

The RA is expected to perform independently within department policies and practices and refer specific complex problems to supervisor where clarification of departmental policies and procedures may be required.

EDUCATION/KNOWLEDGE REQUIREMENTS

1. Minimum Bachelor's Degree in Psychology, Neuroscience, or any of the life sciences.
2. Experience working in a research project and/or clinical setting is preferred.
3. Familiarity with data management and electronic data collection programs is a plus.
4. Must have excellent organizational skills, attention to detail, interpersonal skills, and ability to prioritize among multiple tasks.
5. Candidate must have legal permission to work in the U.S.
6. All additional training is provided.

For more information about the type of research the COBRE involves, refer here:

<http://www.sleepforscience.org/>

[Adolescent Mental Health Collaborative \(brown.edu\)](http://brown.edu/adolescent-mental-health-collaborative)