



Research Coordinator at the WELL Center

Applicants are being sought for 4 full-time research coordinator positions in the Drexel University Center for Weight, Eating and Lifestyle Science (WELL Center). The start date for the positions is somewhat flexible, and encompasses February 2022 through August 2022. The positions are under the direction of Dr. Evan Forman, Dr. Adrienne Juarascio, and/or Dr. Stephanie Manasse, and each coordinator will oversee one-to-two NIH-funded or pilot clinical trials. Responsibilities include overall coordination of all study elements; implementing an advertisement/recruitment plan; refining and implementing the assessment protocol; scheduling and conducting participant screening and clinical assessments; managing data and databases; maintaining contact and approvals with NIH and IRB; collecting data with wearable sensors.

This research lab is staffed by faculty, post-doctoral fellows, research coordinators, clinical psychology Ph.D. students, and undergraduate students, providing an environment rich in intellectual stimulation and mentorship. The position represents an excellent opportunity to gain experience in obesity/eating disorders clinical research and to be trained in both research and clinical tasks. This position provides excellent preparation for individuals who wish to pursue graduate study in clinical psychology or a related area. Opportunities also will be available, as desired, for grant application preparation, research diagnostic assessment training, additional data analysis, and preparation of poster presentations and/or manuscripts related to the projects. Coordinators also have the opportunity to be exposed to treatment provision.

To apply please do the following: (1) Complete the official application [here](#). (2) Provide supplemental information [here](#).

Our projects: We are specifically recruiting research coordinators to oversee the following 4 NIH R01-funded clinical trials (1) **Project DASH MAN**, evaluating whether gamification and neurocognitive training improve engagement and weight loss outcomes for men; (2) **SmartTrack**, investigating whether a sophisticated digital intervention can enhance low-intensity behavioral weight loss counseling; (3) **The COMPASS Project**, the independent and interactive efficacy of mindfulness and acceptance-based treatment components when combined with behavioral treatment for transdiagnostic binge eating; and (4) **The CBT+ Project**, testing the use of a smartphone augmentation to CBT for transdiagnostic binge eating that provide just-in-time adaptive interventions.

The **WELL Center** is an interdisciplinary clinical research center, which develops, tests and disseminates new behavioral and technological solutions to the problems of obesity, poor diet, sedentary behavior, and disordered eating. Currently, the Center houses 55 faculty, staff, fellows and students, and 17 grant-funded projects valued at \$22M. Faculty at the WELL Center (all of whom have been successful at attracting federal and foundation funding, and generating high-impact scientific scholarship) take a team science approach to research, and thus, advise each other, co-write grant proposals and manuscripts, and serve as co-investigators on each other's projects. The WELL Center has a superior research infrastructure and an overall excellent scientific environment. Incoming faculty are well-positioned for success, in terms of scholarship, scientific impact and extramural funding.

Drexel is a world-class comprehensive research university committed to use-inspired research with real-world applications, and the University's research activities result in more than \$131 million in annual expenditures for sponsored projects. Drexel was founded in 1891 and is one of the nation's largest private universities. Drexel is also ranked in the top 8% of U.S. colleges and universities in a list compiled by The Wall Street Journal and Times Higher Education. and was recently named the most innovative mid-sized research university in the country

Drexel's hometown of **Philadelphia** is one of the nation's first and largest cities, and the birthplace of the nation. The city regularly wins awards (e.g., City of the Year, Best Restaurant City, Best Place to Visit, Most Walkable City, Coolest City, First World Heritage City, Best Shopping City), and offers a plethora of opportunities to learn, play, work, and engage in the arts, history, and culture.