Full-time Research Assistant / Study Coordinator - PTSD and Cognitive Neuroscience, VA Boston Healthcare System, Jamaica Plain

The Boston Attention and Learning Laboratory and National Center for PTSD seek a full-time Research Study Coordinator to work with Drs. Joseph DeGutis and Michael Esterman on a VA-funded study examining how emotion and inhibitory control contribute to PTSD in post-9/11 Veterans. The study combines cognitive testing, clinical assessment, task-based fMRI, and smartphone-based assessments of symptoms and everyday functioning.

This position offers hands-on research experience for individuals considering graduate training in clinical psychology, cognitive neuroscience, neuropsychology, or related fields. The coordinator will work closely with investigators, clinicians, and research staff and contribute to participant recruitment and assessment, fMRI study visits, data analysis, manuscript preparation, and research presentations.

Training and Professional Development
The coordinator will receive one-on-one mentorship with the study PIs and gain experience across the research process, from participant engagement and data collection to analysis and scientific communication. Training will span cognitive and clinical assessment, neuroimaging, and ecological momentary assessment. Opportunities to contribute to manuscripts and conference presentations will provide experience communicating findings and developing a research background for graduate study.

Background and skills required: College degree in psychology, neuroscience or related field and interest in making a career in such a field. Previous research experience. The candidate must be highly organized and have excellent people skills. Technical skills such as knowledge of statistical methods and programming are also a plus.

Citizenship: Must be a United States citizen.

Start date: We are looking for someone who can start in the winter/spring of 2027 and commit to two years.

Salary: $46,137 plus full benefits / Deadline for Applications: January 1, 2027

If interested, please send cover letter, CV, and reference list to Dr. Joe DeGutis (degutis@bu.edu) and Dr. Michael Esterman (esterman@bu.edu).