



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 a full-time Research Assistant for an early winter (January 2023) start date. The research assistant will work closely with Principal Investigators on a research project using network analysis and ecological momentary assessment (EMA) to examine gender differences in the comorbidity of PTSD, suicidal ideation, and other self-destructive behaviors. The research assistant may also support additional projects within the Division including those related to military sexual trauma, PTSD treatment and treatment outcome clinical trials, gender differences in traumatic stress exposure, and health outcomes and stressors unique to women Veterans. Responsibilities include conducting telephone and in-person screening sessions, data collection, data analysis, participant recruitment, administrative management of research studies (including assistance with EMA data monitoring for risk concerns), 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; strong interpersonal skills Clinical or research experience in PTSD and/or suicide prevention desired but not required.

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

Anticipated Start Date: January 2023

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 Rachel Zelkowitz, Ph.D., (rachel.zelkowitz@va.gov). Applications will be reviewed until the positions are filled.

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