



Research Associate, Youth Risk & Resilience Laboratory Department of Psychology, Old Dominion University

The ODU Research Foundation is seeking a Research Associate to perform work under The Youth Risk & Resilience Laboratory (Director: Dr. Cassie Glenn) at Old Dominion University. The **Research Associate** will assist with two multi-site projects (funded by the National Institute of Mental Health) focused on understanding short-term risk and treatment for suicidal thoughts and behaviors in youth. For these projects, adolescents will be recruited following discharge from acute psychiatric hospitalization for suicide risk. In one project (R01MH124899), adolescents and their parents will complete daily smartphone-based surveys (ecological momentary assessment) and adolescents also will wear a Fitbit-like device to measure sleep patterns for one month. In the other project (R34MH123590), adolescents will complete a brief (6-week) digital version of cognitive-behavioral therapy for insomnia (dCBT-I), along with intensive longitudinal assessments (ecological momentary assessment via smartphone and Fitbit-like device to measure sleep). The **Research Associate** will gain experience with all aspects of the research process, including opportunities to present data at psychology conferences and to assist with manuscript preparation. The position will be available in June 2022. A one-year commitment is required, with the potential for extension (up to three years). This position is ideal for individuals looking for clinical research experience before pursuing a PhD in Clinical Psychology or related field. Information about the Youth Risk & Resilience Laboratory can be found here: sites.wp.odu.edu/yr2lab/.

Primary responsibilities include:

- Adolescent and parent recruitment, screening, scheduling, and retention in study.
- Administering and scoring clinical (diagnostic) interviews, and other research protocol components, with adolescents and their parents.
- Managing administrative duties for grant-funded projects, including preparing study materials, monitoring data entry, preparing and cleaning data, paying participants, and other research administrative duties.
- Preparing and maintaining Institutional Review Board (IRB) protocols related to the project.
- Training and supervising undergraduate research assistants to assist with the project.
- Coordinating local and multi-site research team meetings.
- Conducting literature reviews and assisting with manuscript preparation.
- Other duties as assigned.

The following skills and experiences are required:

- Background in psychology or a related field (B.A., B.S., or equivalent).
- Previous research experience (at least 1-2 years), which can occur while receiving B.A/B.S.
- Previous clinical experience (at least 1 year), which can occur while receiving B.A/B.S.
- Excellent organizational skills and attention to detail.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills to maintain excellent rapport with adolescents and their families.
- Demonstrated ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Experience with Microsoft Office and Google docs/calendar.
- Schedule flexibility: The position is full-time (40 hours per week). The schedule will vary week to week depending on participant availability for research sessions and will sometimes include evenings and weekends (average 2 evenings per week and 2 weekend days per month).

The following skills will confer an advantage, but are not necessary to receive consideration:

- Prior experience working with adolescents and their families in experimental or clinical settings.
- Clinical interviewing experience.
- Preparing and maintaining research protocols.
- Management of grant-funded research projects.
- Familiarity with programming and statistical packages (e.g., R, SPSS).
- Experience with ecological momentary assessment apps (e.g., MetricWire) or wearable sensors (e.g., Actiwatch).

Apply at <https://hera.odurf.odu.edu/careers/> Click on “View Current Openings” The position # is **22-020**. Applicants should include a cover letter, CV, and two letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendation can be emailed directly to Katie Hanson, HR Generalist at khanson@odu.edu Attn: Dr. Catherine Glenn. Application review will start immediately and will be ongoing until the position is filled. (AA/EOE/M/F/Disability/VETS/Drug Free)

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