

Research Assistant in the Peters Lab at Brown University

Job Description:

Summary:

The general functions of this Research Assistant position involve assisting with study activities, including participant recruitment and consenting procedures, conducting standardized research protocols with participants, monitoring daily survey compliance, collecting and sending out dried urine strip samples, and working with study data for the National Institute of Mental Health-funded grant, "Distinct Steroid Mechanisms of Menstrual Cycle Exacerbation of Psychopathology." The position may also include, depending on funding availability, similar responsibilities on related studies in the lab. This study takes place in the lab of Dr. Jessica Peters and examines biologically based behavioral mechanisms through which the menstrual cycle may exacerbate various psychological symptoms. The study utilizes urine samples, daily symptom tracking, and several in-person lab sessions involving lab tasks and self-report questionnaires to examine these questions. This position involves in depth training on conducting menstrual cycle research, and is ideal for someone looking to pursue this or related areas of research and/or practice.

If of interest, RAs in the Peters lab typically have opportunities to present at conferences and/or contribute to publications. The study and lab are within the Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior at Brown University, and the RA will gain exposure broadly to how research functions within a large academic medical center. This is a fixed term position with a current end date of 7/1/2025 which may be extended based upon available funding.

NOTE: Applicants should include a CV/resume as well as a cover letter discussing their qualifications and how they relate to this position in order to be fully considered for this position.

Education and Experience

Required:

- Associates degree
- 1-2 years of experience conducting for class credit or working in human-subjects research, including direct participant engagement, conducting data collection, and data management.
- Or, equivalent combination of education and experience.

Preferred:

- Bachelor's degree in Psychology, Neuroscience, Pre-Med, or related field.
- Familiarity with IRBs
- Familiarity with REDCap, Qualtrics, or similar data collection services
- Experience administering laboratory behavioral tasks (e.g., E-Prime, Inquisit)
- Familiarity with Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) and/or R

Job Competencies

- Ability to multi-task.
- Strong computer skills and ability to learn new applications or tools quickly.
- Excellent organizational and record keeping skills. Attention to detail.
- High level of discretion to prioritize work flow.

- Effective communication skills with all levels of research staff.
- Ability to maintain a good rapport with participants from various backgrounds.
- Excellent time management skills.
- Study activities will require travel between Butler Hospital campus and main Brown campus, need to have and be able to operate a car.
- Possesses a willingness and ability to support a diverse and inclusive campus community.
- This position requires flexibility in hours (i.e., availability to work some evenings/weekends due to participant availability).

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND AND EDUCATION CHECK REQUIRED

Recruiting Start Date:

2024-03-01

Job Posting Title:

Research Assistant

Department:

Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior

Grade:

Grade 7

Worker Type:

Employee

Worker Sub-Type:

Fixed Term (Fixed Term)

Time Type:

Full time

Scheduled Weekly Hours:

37.5

Position Work Location:

Hybrid Eligible

Submission Guidelines:

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