

# Research Assistant in the UCEDD at the Oregon Health & Sciences University

## Department Overview

The OHSU UCEDD (University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities), within the Institute on Development & Disability (IDD) pursues disability-related research, develops and disseminates new models of service to persons with disabilities, and engages in interdisciplinary clinical leadership training for professionals and pre-professionals who will provide healthcare services to persons who experience disabilities.

## Function/Duties of Position

We are seeking a Research Assistant 2 with responsibilities to coordinate activities in a contract from the Association of University Centers for Disabilities (AUCD), funded by the Administration for Communication Living that was awarded to the OHSU UCEDD.

The contract seeks to establish a national plan to establish peer support models for people who use or need augmentative and alternative communication (AAC). This 9-month contract will work in collaboration with a non-profit disability organization, CommunicationFIRST, virtually (since it is located in Washington DC).

This position will assist in establishing a National AAC Peer Support Consortium that will meet virtually 1-2 times/month (on ZOOM platform) with about 30 experts in AAC and in peer supports for people with developmental disabilities from around the country. We will conduct a systematic literature review and analyze the different peer support models, as well. Monthly reports to the funders, and monthly meetings held with AUCD will be provided.

This position includes providing natural supports to two leadership team members who present with autism and cerebral palsy so that they can complete their tasks without extra physical or cognitive/sensory barriers.

## Required Qualifications

- Bachelor's in relevant field (psychology, speech-language pathology, public health, special education, disability studies) **OR**
- Associate's **AND** 3 years of relevant experience in disability studies, special education, speech-language pathology or other rehabilitation fields; **OR**
- 4 years of relevant experience in field related to disabilities, special education and rehabilitation; **OR**
- Equivalent combination of training and experience.
- Experience supporting people with disabilities.
- Strong organization, task tracking, and time management skills.
- Strong interpersonal communication skills, including via web-based platforms, telephone, and email.
- Comfort in communicating with a diverse range of people with varying communication styles and needs.

- Experience providing support to team involved with internet-based services or research.
- Well-organized; accustomed to multi-tasking and frequent interruptions; skilled in prioritizing and managing time.
- Willingness to work in a strong team-oriented environment.
- Initiative and independence.

## **Preferred Qualifications**

- Prior experience with research project management.

## **Additional Details**

Upload cover letter and resume. Please be sure to include months and years to the resume for jobs/experience.

*Notes:*

- *This is a 9-month position at .75 FTE.*
- *Salary budget: \$39,333 - \$49,170 at 1.0 FTE which at .75 FTE is equivalent to \$29,499.75 to \$36,878*

## **All are welcome**

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