Research Assistant

Description: The Center for OCD and Related Disorders, directed by Dr. Blair Simpson, is seeking a full time Research Assistant. The Center for OCD and Related Disorders is part of the Anxiety Disorders Clinic at New York State Psychiatric institute at Columbia University Medical Center. The mission of our center is to improve the lives of individuals with Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder (OCD) and related problems, by advancing our understanding of and the treatment for these disorders. This position is ideal for someone interested in translating science into new treatments for patients with anxiety, OCD and related disorders and who is considering applying to either medical or graduate school.

Duties: Candidate will be responsible for coordinating and monitoring clinical trials and biological research protocols in the areas of Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder and related disorders. The position will involve working on teams with both clinicians and scientists and will expose one to a wide range of research, while also providing in-depth experience with clinical populations. Duties may include: patient recruitment and scheduling, patient screening, data collection and management, neurocognitive testing, brain imaging procedures, IRB procedures, grant applications, and/or manuscript preparation. Because of the training involved, a two-year commitment is requested.

Education: Preferred BA or BS in Biology or Psychology or other related field.

Training & Experience: The ideal candidate will have research experience, be curious about the brain mechanisms underlying behavior, want to work with this clinical population and have excellent technology skills and a working knowledge of data management software e.g., excel, SPSS, and/or Matlab). Those who like a fast pace, multi-tasking, and working on interdisciplinary teams are encouraged to apply.

Applications will only be accepted through website at: http://corporate.rfmh.org then click on Employment Opportunities. Applications will be accepted only during the posting dates as listed at the top of the job announcement. Contact information: hr@rfmh.org

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