



National Institute
of Mental Health

Research Assistant Position

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), Emotion and Development Branch, Section on Bipolar Spectrum Disorders (BSD), in Bethesda, Maryland, seeks qualified individuals to fill IRTA (Intramural Research Training Award) positions, with employment starting late May/early June 2014. BSD conducts research on the pathophysiology, treatment, and prevention of mental illness, which begins in childhood. Our particular research interest involves the investigation of pediatric Bipolar Disorder and severe irritability (i.e., Severe Mood Dysregulation, "SMD") in youth.

The full-time positions require a bachelor's degree and a U.S. citizenship or permanent resident status (resident alien). A minimum commitment of one year is expected; however, a two-year commitment is preferred. Duties and responsibilities include assistance with and participation in all aspects of the research enterprise: patient and normal volunteer screening and recruitment; protocol implementation; data collection, entry, and analysis; and manuscript preparation. This work involves using computer statistical and graphics programs, preparing blood samples, and researching scientific literature. In addition, the position involves regular patient contact during outpatient clinic visits, and with inpatients. IRTAs can observe diagnostic interviews with patients and become familiar with standard psychometric procedures. IRTAs are also involved in training subjects to participate in neuroimaging and analyzing neuroimaging data.

IRTAs will work as part of a multidisciplinary research team including physicians, psychologists, clinical social workers, and psychiatric nurses at the nation's largest medical research center, the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland.

Successful applicants will be awarded post-baccalaureate Intramural Research Training Award (IRTA) Fellowships, which provide opportunities for recent college graduates to spend time engaged in biomedical investigation. During their tenure in the program, post-baccalaureate fellows are also expected to initiate the application process for graduate or medical school.

Interested individuals should complete the online application found at the following website (link can be found under "Application Procedure"):

https://www.training.nih.gov/programs/postbac_irta

Interested individuals should also forward a letter of interest and resume to:

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