

Position Summary - Post Doctoral Research/Clinical Associate

We are seeking a post-doctoral research/clinical associate (~70% research; 30% clinical) to work with the Science and Treatment of Affect Regulation Team (START) headed by Professor Maureen Zalewski at the University of Oregon in Eugene, Oregon.

In the summer we will be initiating a large 5-year clinical trial using Dialectical Behavior Therapy Skills training for mothers with borderline personality disorder who have preschool aged children. The post-doctoral researcher would be responsible for running groups (1 per week), participating in consultation team meeting, and would receive supervision from Dr. Zalewski to obtain licensure in the state of Oregon (1500 post-doctoral supervised hours are required in OR).

Using a developmental psychopathology framework, our lab is interested in understanding psychosocial (i.e. emotion regulation) and psychopathology outcomes in offspring of mothers with serious mental health issues. Increasingly, we are also interested in understanding the difficult role of parenting when having a mental health diagnosis as well as understanding when motherhood may be a protective factor in reducing psychopathology severity (i.e. decreased suicide attempts). The post-doctoral associate will help facilitate research components of all studies being conducted in the lab.

The Post-Doctoral Associate will work closely with Professor Zalewski and other investigators and research staff and will be responsible for several aspects of managing research processes and disseminating scientific outcomes, including:

1. Data analysis in consultation with study investigators, and contributing to the production of manuscripts for presentation at scientific meetings and publication in scientific journals;
2. Preparation of Human Subjects applications and amendments;
3. Coordinating and managing student and staff training for research assessments;
4. Coordinating recruitment, scheduling and monitoring of research assessments;
5. Meeting project timelines;
6. Participation in data collection activities when required to meet study timelines;
7. Liaising with key stakeholders, such as research investigators, staff and students; relevant community mental health organizations, and other services;
8. Oversee and supervise data entry and data management for studies;
9. Participation in preparing grant applications.

Selection Criteria

A. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

1. Possession of a PhD qualification in Clinical Psychology with clinical experience working with adults and children;

2. Experience running DBT Skills groups (2nd edition manual) and participating on a consultation team;
3. Experience working with individuals with serious mental health issues;
4. Eligibility for residency status (Oregon Board of Psychologist Examiners);
5. Demonstrated experience in data management and data analysis leading to at least one first author publication in a peer reviewed journal article;
6. Documented experience (publications) pertaining to adults, children, and dyads;
7. Comprehension of project management strategies and processes;
8. Experience in the planning, implementation and tracking of a research project comprising multiple assessments;
9. Demonstrated oral communication skills including the capacity to present research findings at meetings and to community mental health or family social service agencies in a cogent fashion;
10. Experience in statistical analysis of longitudinal and multi-method data.

B. Special Requirements

1. This position is available full-time for 12 months, renewable for up to an additional 24 months
2. In line with University of Oregon Policy, this is a non-smoking environment (indoors and outdoors on the site);
3. In line with University of Oregon Policy a criminal background check will be required;
4. Inter/national travel may be required;
5. Willingness to participate in national and international conferences;
6. Some out of hours work may be required.

C. Key Responsibilities

1. Conduct DBT Skills groups approximately 1 time per week; selected tapes will be coded for adherence; participate on consultation team
2. Contribute to and lead the production of publications and other materials arising from lab studies;
3. Conduct basic data analysis independently and more complex data analysis under the supervision of the principal investigator and other investigators;
4. Coordinate and manage student and staff training for assessments of participants;

5. Supervision of recruitment, scheduling and monitoring of assessments with the schools and participants;
6. Meet project timelines;
7. Coordinate with key stakeholders, such as study investigators, staff and students;
8. Ensure that the implementation of lab studies are in accordance with the study protocols, quality standards and benchmarks;
9. Maintain appropriate records, confidential files and general service documents;
10. Oversee and supervise data entry and data management for the study;
11. Participate in data collection activities when required to meet study timelines;
12. Provide regular feedback to the Principal Investigator on strategies to support the successful development and coordination of studies;
13. In conjunction with other members of the team, manage communication between study investigators and other organisations and services involved in the studies;
14. Proactively track timelines and identify issues in order to propose strategies to implement contingencies and risk planning to meet overall study/program goals;
15. Prepare and present reports for team meetings and study investigators;
16. Attend meetings and associated research events as required.

Application Information

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