Massachusetts General Hospital Bipolar Clinic and Research Program

Clinical Research Coordinator Positions

The Massachusetts General Hospital Bipolar Clinic and Research Program (BCRP) is seeking applicants for Clinical Research Coordinator (CRC) positions. The aim of the program is to evaluate psychiatric and psychosocial treatments for bipolar disorder, to learn more about the causes and general course of this disorder, and to investigate the pathophysiology of the condition with neuroimaging and other biological markers. Our program participates in large-scale, multi-site, NIMH, industry, and privately-sponsored initiatives.

CRCs will manage and conduct a full range of research and clinical activities within the program. CRCs will assist in conducting clinical studies with the clinical and research staff. Responsibilities include structured patient interviews, patient recruitment, data collection and management, grant preparation, Institutional Review Board correspondence, phlebotomy (drawing blood), as well as other key administrative tasks. CRCs will also be offered the opportunity to assist with data analysis and preparation of poster presentations, symposiums, and manuscripts. CRCs also answer triage phone calls, conduct phone screens, participate in case reviews to determine patient’s eligibility and make referrals. A key component of the position includes assisting in grant proposals for future clinical trials. CRCs will liaise with Research Management at Massachusetts General Hospital, the funding agency, as well as help prepare aspects of the proposal.

The primary research projects the CRCs will work on may include, but are not limited to psychosocial interventions (e.g., mindfulness-based, cognitive behavioral, lifestyle changes), medication-based trials (e.g., new medications, dose-response, examination of side effects), and online and mobile phone based studies for bipolar disorder. Currently, a major project within our program is developing MoodNetwork (www.moodnetwork.org), a patient-centered online initiative aimed at building a community of 50,000 individuals with mood disorders to conduct comparative effectiveness studies. Thus, if you have an interest and/or special expertise in web interventions (e.g., website development, design, online assessment and recruitment, use of social media), please mention this in your cover letter. Please note that interest and expertise in managing web content and social media outlets is a plus, but not a requirement or necessary for this position.

A Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts is required. A strong background in psychology, biology, and/or health sciences is preferred. Prior research, statistical, and/or clinical experience is strongly recommended. Specifically, we seek individuals who have worked as a research assistant for at least one year as a volunteer or for pay, but not for college credit. CRCs will collaborate with other members of the research team, faculty and staff of the BCRP, but will also be expected to take initiative and work well independently. Excellent attention to detail, organization, strong interpersonal skills, great writing skills and being able to manage multiple tasks simultaneously is a must. Candidates should have knowledge of basic statistical methods. Due to the deadline sensitive nature of many projects, the pace of work may be demanding at times and requires prioritization.

This position provides valuable experience for candidates interested in applying to graduate schools in clinical psychology or medical school. This is a paid full-time position (40 hours per week); a two year commitment is preferred. Applications are being accepted for positions with either May or June start dates. To learn more about our program and to read more about the ongoing studies at the Bipolar Clinic and Research Program, please visit us online at www.massgeneral.org/bipolar. Applicants will be considered on a rolling basis, so we encourage you to apply as soon as possible. Qualified candidates should send a cover letter and CV/resume at the latest by April 25, 2016 to: wechang@mgh.harvard.edu or

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