Research Assistant Job Description

Full-Time Clinical Research Assistant at Brown University

The Brown University Center for Alcohol and Addictions Studies (CAAS), is seeking a full-time research assistant for a laboratory focused on alcohol use among emerging adults in Providence, RI.

Overview:

This is a full-time research position in the laboratory of Dr. Hector Lopez-Vergara (https://vivo.brown.edu/display/hlopezve). Research assistants will be involved in data collection and management, as well as in coordinating logistical efforts to support two research projects. Data collection will involve using structured methods to interview recent high school graduates, using survey questionnaires and performance-based tasks (akin to really simply video games).

Scope of research projects: (1) Project “Dual-Process Models of Alcohol Use in Late Adolescence” seeks to investigate the cognitive control, reinforcement sensitivity, and associative memory correlates of drug use and psychopathology in a sample of youth aged 18-20. (2) Project “Towards Testing the Cross-Cultural Validity of Dual-Process Models of Alcohol Use” seeks to test the psychometric properties of performance-based tasks across non-Latino White and Latino youth aged 18-20.

The position is offered contingent upon the availability of funding. To be considered for this position, please send resume/CV and cover letter to Hector Lopez-Vergara, Ph.D. (Hector_Lopez-Vergara@brown.edu).

Skills/Qualifications:

1. BA, BS, or Master's degree in psychology, public health, or related sciences.
2. Strong organizational and time management skills.
3. Excellent written and oral communication skills with strong attention to detail.
4. Ability to work independently.
5. Experience in data management.
6. Familiarity in psychological research methods (through coursework and/or experience) is preferred, but not required.
7. Research experience, background in statistics/SAS programming is an asset.

Dr. Lopez-Vergara is committed to mentorship for highly motivated research assistants. This an excellent position to gain valuable experience for individuals interested in pursuing graduate school in psychology or related fields. Opportunities to conduct independent research, submit presentations to conferences, and prepare papers for publication are available.