The Centers for Behavioral and Preventive Medicine at The Miriam Hospital, a Brown University teaching hospital, is seeking a full-time research assistant for a laboratory focused on studying psychopathology and substance use during adolescence and emerging adulthood.

Overview:

The research assistant will work in a research context performing face-to-face interviews, administering laboratory based executive functioning batteries, conducting in-vivo stress paradigms, handling biological specimens (e.g., saliva, blood), managing a smart-phone based study application, assisting with study logistics (e.g., participant recruitment procedures), and data management/analyses.

This is a full-time research position. The study involves the systematic pairing of experimentally-controlled human laboratory paradigms with intensive longitudinal methods to study pathways leading to co-occurring psychopathology (e.g., depression) and substance use (e.g., nicotine, cannabis, alcohol) in the laboratory of Dr. Chrystal Vergara-Lopez (https://vivo.brown.edu/display/cvergara).

The position is offered contingent upon the availability of funding. To be considered for this position, please send resume/CV and cover letter to Chrystal Vergara-Lopez, Ph.D. (Chrystal_Vergara-Lopez@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/R and REDCap programming is an asset.
8. Willingness to learn R statistical programing language.
9. Ability to commit to the laboratory for a minimum of 2 years.

Dr. Vergara-Lopez 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.