Seeking Research Assistant

The Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), Office of the Clinical Director, in Bethesda, Maryland, seeks a qualified individual to fill an IRTA (Intramural Research Training Award) position, with employment starting in July 2018. Our office has two primary functions: 1) serve as the Psychiatric Consultation-Liaison Service for the clinical research hospital at NIH (Clinical Center) and 2) conduct research as part of the Intramural Research Program at NIMH on a variety of topics such as suicide screening in the medical setting, distress screening in chronically ill children, and other mental health/public health issues. More information about the office can be found at our website: [http://www.nimh.nih.gov/labs-at-nimh/scientific-director/office-of-clinical-director/index.shtml](http://www.nimh.nih.gov/labs-at-nimh/scientific-director/office-of-clinical-director/index.shtml).

The primary duties for this position will involve working with a pediatric psychologist, Lisa M. Horowitz, PhD, MPH, who specializes in suicide prevention research, instrument development and suicide risk screening in medical settings (emergency department, primary care clinic, etc.). The position includes close collaboration with a multidisciplinary team of clinicians and researchers. The candidate will be involved in a wide array of research activities, including but not limited to: weekly research meetings, maintaining ongoing collaborations with extramural partners from around the country, database entry, analysis, and management, and attending NIH-wide Grand Rounds, seminars, etc. presented by leading researchers in various fields of study. We also encourage our IRTAs to develop independent research projects, which can result in presentations at academic conferences and/or published manuscripts. In addition, this position allows the IRTA to gain unique clinical experience by shadowing our senior attendings on psychiatric consultations at the NIH Clinical Center.

This full-time, 2-year, position requires a bachelor’s degree and U.S. citizenship or permanent resident status (resident alien). Competitive applicants should be extremely organized, highly motivated, and able to work both independently and with others. Ideal candidates are those considering applying to psychology PhD or MD programs following IRTA fellowship. A two-year commitment is required.

General applications for the IRTA program are submitted online to the entire NIH community and can be found at: [https://www.training.nih.gov/programs/postbac_irta](https://www.training.nih.gov/programs/postbac_irta)

Individuals interested in this IRTA position are also encouraged to send a resume and cover letter to Eliza Lanzillo ([elizabeth.lanzillo@nih.gov](mailto:elizabeth.lanzillo@nih.gov)). This will enable us to directly search for your IRTA application in the general NIH IRTA database and answer any questions you may have about the position.