



Research Assistant Position

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), Emotion and Development Branch, Section on Mood Dysregulation and Neuroscience (SMDN) and Neuroscience and Novel Therapeutics Unit (NNT), in Bethesda, Maryland, seek qualified individuals to fill **IRTA (Intramural Research Training Award) positions, with employment starting late May/early June 2019.**

SMDN conducts research on the brain mechanisms of mental illness in youth. Our particular research interest involves the investigation of the brain mechanisms associated with chronic irritability in children and adolescents. NNT uses brain-based knowledge to develop new treatments, such as a new application of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT).

The full-time positions require a bachelor's degree and a U.S. citizenship or permanent resident status (resident alien). A minimum commitment of one year is expected; however, a two-year commitment is strongly preferred. Duties and responsibilities include assistance with and participation in all aspects of the research enterprise: patient and healthy volunteer screening and recruitment; protocol implementation; data collection, entry, and analysis; and manuscript preparation. This work involves using computer statistical and graphics programs, preparing blood samples, and researching scientific literature. In addition, the position involves regular patient contact during outpatient cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) treatment clinic visits. IRTAs can observe diagnostic interviews with patients and become familiar with standard psychometric procedures. IRTAs are also involved in training subjects to participate in neuroimaging and analyzing neuroimaging data.

IRTAs will work as part of a multidisciplinary research team including physicians, psychologists, clinical social workers, and psychiatric nurses at the nation's largest medical research center, the NIH in Bethesda, Maryland.

Successful applicants will be awarded post-baccalaureate Intramural Research Training Award (IRTA) Fellowships, which provide opportunities for recent college graduates to spend time engaged in biomedical investigation. During their tenure in the program, post-baccalaureate fellows are also expected to initiate the application process for graduate or medical school.

Interested individuals should complete the online application found at the following website (link can be found under "Application Procedure"):

https://www.training.nih.gov/programs/postbac_irta

Following completion of the online application, individuals should also forward a letter of interest and resume to:

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