

Postdoctoral Research Fellow – Early Psychosis

Portland, ME

Maine Medical Center is seeking a **Postdoctoral Research Fellow** for a well-established and growing early psychosis clinic and research program in **Portland**. Portland, Maine is an idyllic, affordable community rich in cultural opportunities, under 2 hours from Boston and 6 hours from New York and identified as one of the best places to live in the United States.

We are hoping to fill this position by August 2019 so are accepting applicants to begin immediately or during the summer of 2019.

The position will include a rich combination of clinical work and research with adolescents and young adults in the first couple years of a psychotic disorder or at clinical high risk for psychosis. The SAMHSA-funded first episode program provides coordinated specialty care including CBT for psychosis, multifamily group psychoeducation, supported employment, and peer mentors.

The Research Fellow conducts a variety of complex research procedures and is able to conduct independent research in consultation with the principal investigator. The research fellow has a sufficient level of experience, expertise and independence to conduct a defined research project, report results in a peer reviewed forum.

The ideal candidate will have relevant experience and be looking to develop an independent research career in early psychosis but will have opportunity to complete hours for licensing and obtain specialized training in assessment and early psychosis treatments. The current research program is focused on three project areas: 1) identifying dynamic predictors particularly affect variability, of clinical trajectories and suicide risk using experience sampling; 2) establishing adolescent norms and screening protocols for use in primary care settings; and 3) development of videogame-based interventions for youth at risk for or in the first years of a psychotic disorder. The person hired will have a major role in the first project area and will be supported in taking leadership, publishing, and seeking independent funding for research within these project areas or in a complementary area.

Essential Functions:

- Conducts complex research procedures and analyses using a variety of techniques and instrumentation. The research fellow may serve as an institute resource as a principal user or expert in a specialized instrument or technology.
- Collaborates with the PI and other institute investigators as part of the overall responsibility for project inception and completion.
- Participates in the training of undergraduates, summer students and institute personnel at all levels in the research fellow's area of expertise.
- Stays current in literature relevant to area of research interest and expertise. May present research results at regional or national conferences.
- May provide substantial input, both data and its interpretation, in the preparation of both manuscripts and grants.
- Will be proactive in identifying, reporting and participating in the resolution of any potential or actual patient safety issues.
- Prepares advanced training of personnel in the use of key technology or software.
- Interprets and presents research results in manuscript form where the research fellow has been the principal participant in a research project.

Qualifications:

- Ph.D. in the social sciences or other relevant field.
- Communication skills to present research results at regional and national research conferences.
- Demonstrated level of independence to perform research responsibilities.

The ideal candidate will have the following:

- A Recent Ph.D. in clinical psychology or related field.
- Training and/or experience with adolescents and young adults and with individuals experiencing psychotic symptoms and disorders.
- Specific training and experience in specialized early psychosis clinical care or research.
- Training and experience with structured clinical assessments commonly used with early psychosis populations such as the Structured Clinical Interview of DSM-IV or 5 Disorders (SCID), the Structured Interview of Psychosis-risk Syndromes (SIPS), the Comprehensive Assessment of At-Risk Mental States (CAARMS), the Schizophrenia Proneness Instrument, Adult (SPIA) or Child and Youth (SPICY) versions, the Global Functioning Social and Role Scales (GF-S, GF-R).
- Specific training or experience in experience sampling, research into the biological correlates of affect or affect variability, psychosis screening, primary and integrated care, clinical trials, suicide risk or self-harm research, or therapeutic videogames.
- Strong statistical analysis skills and capacity to learn and apply new analytic techniques.

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