Faculty Specialist (Research Coordinator) – Mobile Treatment Unit Peer Study in Rural Maryland – University of Maryland

There is a Faculty Specialist (Research Coordinator) opening in the Global Mental Health and Addiction Program (GMAP) at University of Maryland in collaboration with the University of Maryland, Baltimore. The position will primarily involve coordination for a NIDA-funded R01 (PIs: Jessica Magidson, PhD; Sarah Kattakuzhy, MD) "Peer-Delivered, Behavioral Activation Intervention to Improve Polysubstance Use and Retention in Mobile Telemedicine OUD Treatment in an Underserved, Rural Area" based in the Eastern Shore of Maryland. The project aims to understand the effectiveness and implementation success of a peer-delivered behavioral intervention for individuals with polysubstance use receiving medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD) aboard a mobile treatment unit (MTU) on the Eastern Shore. Start date is negotiable – preferred during Fall 2022 or early 2023. The position is a two-year appointment, with the second year dependent on performance.

Applicants interested in implementation science and addiction treatment who are interested in careers in research coordination/program management, or interested in pursuing PhD programs in clinical psychology, public health, or global health, or medical school are encouraged to apply. Dr. Magidson's program of research at University of Maryland offers an exciting opportunity to be engaged in local and global addiction science and mental health research with underserved populations and offers close collaboration with several departments within UMB.

The position will primarily be based in the Eastern Shore of Maryland, working closely in partnership with mobile treatment units (MTU) run by UMB and the Maryland Department of Health. This position will involve regular on-site data collection on the MTU, which will travel to various townships in Caroline and Talbot Counties. This position does require use of a personal motor vehicle to travel to where the MTU is located multiple days per week.

Research assistant responsibilities include but are not limited to the following: coordinating operations of the MTU-based study in collaboration with the team at UMD; recruitment and retention efforts; conducting oral and written screenings and assessments with study participants; arranging visits with study participants; assessing and documenting eligibility and participation status of candidates for studies; assisting with IRB submissions and study protocols; supporting data management and other data analysis as requested, including data cleaning, data quality assurance; assisting in the implementation of effective data flow systems as specified by study protocol; overseeing follow-up, retention and compliance rates; and other administrative responsibilities to support study operations.

In addition to work on the active research projects in the lab, additional duties in this position include but are not limited to: assisting with administrative responsibilities to support the research program, assisting with presentations for scientific conferences and manuscript/grant preparation, supporting oversight and mentorship of undergraduate students in the lab, and capacity building to support training of MTU team members. There may be opportunities for

involvement in other projects depending on interests, as well as opportunities for manuscript co-authorship and conference presentations.

Key skills for this position include the ability to organize and manage time and multiple tasks, attention to detail and excellent written skills, the ability to work independently, ability to demonstrate a high level of cross-cultural sensitivity working with underserved populations, and the ability to maintain effective communications and working relationships with other study team members.

Necessary qualifications include: 1) a BA/BS in Social Sciences (Psychology, Public Health, or related field); 2) prior research experience working with diverse populations, particularly vulnerable populations and/or individuals with substance use disorders or chronic medical conditions; 3) excellent organizational, interpersonal and communication skills. Prior experience with manuscript and grant writing, developing research protocols, IRB submissions, and familiarity with electronic data capture tools (RedCap) and statistical software (SPSS, R) preferred.

Interested applicants should send their CV, a cover letter (describing research interests and how prior experiences and skill set meet the above requirements), transcript with relevant coursework (unofficial is fine), a writing sample, and contact info for 2-3 references to Dr. Jessica Magidson (jmagidso@umd.edu), Dr. Sarah Kattakuzhy (SKattakuzhy@ihv.umaryland.edu), and Ms. Morgan Anvari (manvari@umd.edu) with the subject line "MTU R01 RA position." Applications are being reviewed immediately. Deadline is rolling until the position has been filled with a preferred submission date of 12/01/22.

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