



Full-time Research Study Coordinator Position for Summer 2024 at VA Boston Healthcare System

Characterizing the contributions of hot and cool inhibitory control to post-traumatic stress disorder in post-9/11 Veterans

Objectives: 1) Comprehensively characterize the nature of hot (emotional) and cool inhibitory control dysfunction in PTSD. 2) Examine the neural mechanisms of inhibitory control deficits in PTSD using task-based fMRI. 3) Examine the relationship between inhibitory control and PTSD symptoms in everyday life using ecological momentary assessments (EMA).

Description: The study coordinator will be involved in all aspects of targeted recruiting of post-9/11 Veterans that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria, performing screening, administering cognitive and clinical assessments (e.g., depression, PTSD), coordinating and running fMRI scans, and managing participant compliance with EMA. This position requires advanced skills in terms of clinical assessment, communication, and logistics management. The study coordinator will also be involved in data analysis, manuscript preparation, and presenting findings. The position will provide an excellent opportunity for training in the fields of cognitive neuroscience, clinical psychology, and neuropsychology, and will uniquely prepare the individual for clinical, cognitive, or neuroscience graduate school programs. The study coordinator will be part of the National Center for PTSD (<https://www.ptsd.va.gov/about/divisions/behavioral/index.asp>) and the Boston Attention and Learning Lab (<https://www.bu.edu/ballab/index.html>). This position will be in-person, based at VA Boston Healthcare System in Jamaica Plain.

Background required: College degree in psychology, neuroscience or related field and interest in making a career in such a field. Previous research experience.

Skills required: The candidate must be highly organized and have excellent people skills. Technical skills such as knowledge of statistical methods and programming are also a plus.

Citizenship: Must be a United States citizen.

Start date: We are looking for someone who can start in the spring/summer of 2024 and commit to two years.

Salary: \$52,527 plus full benefits

Deadline for Applications: April 1, 2024

If interested, please contact Dr. Joe DeGutis (degutis@wjh.harvard.edu) and Dr. Michael Esterman (esterman@bu.edu).