



Job Title	Research Assistant (PA)
PVN ID	CC-2211-005214
Category	Research
Location	The CITY COLLEGE of NEW YORK
Department	CUNY School of Medicine - Department of
Status	Part Time
Hourly Rate	\$18.00-\$25.00
Hour(s) a Week	20.00
Closing Date	Jan 11, 2023 (Or Until Filled)

General Description

Title: Research Assistant (PA)

Starts: ASAP

Percentage of effort: 20 hours per week

Principal Investigator: Dr. Victoria Frye, MPH, DrPH, and Dr. Keosha Bond, EdD, MPH, CHES

Department:

CUNY School of Medicine - Department of Community Health & Social

Medicine

Description:

City University of New York's School of Medicine (CSOM) at The City College of New York seeks to hire a Research Assistant (RA) for an NIH-funded study to design and evaluate a community-level anti-HIV stigma and discrimination intervention in NYC. Under the direction and supervision of the Co-Investigator, the RA will be primarily responsible for assisting in coordinating the particulars of the study and documentation concerning study participants. *The position is funded for five years.*

Study-Specific Aims:

P3 - T2C – TRUST to CHHANGE - Clinical Research Study

Increasing uptake of biomedical HIV prevention, post- and pre-exposure prophylaxis (PEP/PrEP) among groups most affected by HIV, including African-American or Black gay, bisexual, same-gender-loving, or other men who have sex with men (henceforth *Black MSM*), is critical to ending the HIV epidemic in the United

States. HIV testing recommended ~3-6 months for key groups, is the gateway to PEP/PrEP; unfortunately, both testing and PEP/PrEP uptake is low among Black MSM, even in areas with robust programs. Growing empirical research finds that **experienced, anticipated, and community-level stigma and discrimination** (HIV, testing/PrEP, homophobia, racism) drive fear/anxiety (of HIV+ results), avoidant coping (service aversion), and medical mistrust/medication skepticism (side effects concerns), which reduce HIV testing and PEP/PrEP uptake. Reducing *experienced* stigma and discrimination by reducing community-level stigma and supporting individuals to *cope with, avoid and resist stigma and discrimination* can reduce stigma internalization and consequent negative outcomes and **increase HIV testing and PEP/PrEP uptake**. In addition, increasing peer/social support, feelings of autonomy/self-efficacy, and perceived empowerment can **increase HIV testing and PEP/PrEP uptake**.

Other Duties

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Scheduling of Study Participants
- Data collection – Constructing Study Participants Clinical files
- Data entry of all demographics of Study Participant's information
- Data management - maintaining the accuracy of all Study Participants
- Study participants follow-up – calling Study Participants for their follow-up visits
- Review of Study Participants' charts for accuracy, precision to the completeness of the study
- Attend Principle Investigator and Co-Investigators Team weekly meetings
- Note-taking of minutes during meetings
- Distribution of weekly meeting notes - minutes to the Investigator team by email. Upload all Notes on BOX
- Performs other administrative duties related to the study as assigned.
- Keep count of all Alere HIV test Kits
- Keep count of all OraQuick HIV Self-Test Kits
- May perform technical duties related to clinical and experimental research as directed and under the supervision of other study personnel.
- Participation in the Recruitment processes
- Conduct other tasks as needed

Qualifications

Experience and Skills

- Experience in Data collection and management
- Experience working with community-level programming and/.or interventions specifically communities of color and/or LGBTQAI+ communities preferred
- Strong organizational, computer and technical skills required
- Must: be self-motivated, flexible, and detailed-oriented; demonstrate superior verbal and written

communication skills; enjoy working on a team; and be able to handle multiple priorities

Educational/Training

- Undergraduate Student or Graduate Student

For consideration, please upload a resume/CV and cover letter to the RF Careers page.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Victoria Frye VFrye@med.cuny.edu or Dr. Keosha Bond kbond@med.cuny.edu.

Applications from individuals who identify as gay, lesbian, or bisexual, and/or transgender, as well as people of color, are encouraged. The City University of New York is an Equal Opportunity Employer.