

PAID FULL-TIME RESEARCH ASSISTANT OPPORTUNITY

Are you interested in gaining experience in healthcare research and learning hands-on skills to conduct research in a fast-paced clinical setting? Do you have interests in psychology, integrated healthcare, or implementation?

Researchers at the VA Center for Integrated Healthcare SERVICE Lab are looking to recruit up to two **full-time research assistants**. Learn about mental health, integrated primary care, and how to work with Veterans!

What: Research Assistant in CIH's SERVICE Lab. Research assistants have many roles, including (but not limited to) patient recruitment, screening, and assessment; preparation of study materials; data entry and analysis; literature reviews; and helping with manuscripts and grant preparation. You would work with three investigators who lead the SERVICE lab (Drs. Jennifer Funderburk, Robyn Shepardson, and Julie Gass) and several early career psychologists along with a large team of research assistants. We have several clinical research trials happening, including testing brief behavioral interventions for depression and anxiety. We will also be conducting a large mail survey of Veterans and interviewing primary care teams regarding how to best assist Veterans with psychological distress and unmet social needs. Our research focuses on **integrated primary care** and often involves using a team approach, so you would be exposed to VA primary care team members such as psychologists, primary care providers, and nurses. We value equity, diversity, and inclusion, and we strive to support our staff's educational and professional development.

When: The position will begin approximately October 2023. The duration of the position is 1 year, with a possibility of an extension contingent on additional grant funding.

Where: The position will be based at the Syracuse VA Medical Center (some telework shifts may be possible) in beautiful Central New York.

Who: US citizens with a bachelor's degree in health or science related fields (e.g., psychology, social work, public health, pre-med, biology, health services). We especially welcome applications from Veterans and members of minoritized or underserved communities. Candidates must have prior research experience and good communication skills.

Why: Working with our team has several excellent benefits. First, gain exposure to **clinical research** and the development, testing, and implementation of **evidence-based mental health interventions**. Second, gain experience **working with Veterans** and the VA system. Third, learn about and possibly work with **integrated primary care teams** (including physicians, nurses, etc.). Fourth, there may be opportunities to participate in manuscript writing and other dissemination (e.g., first author or co-author on conference presentations).

Salary and benefits: Salary range is approximately \$40,000-\$52,000 depending on education and experience level. This position includes benefits such as health insurance. Employees receive 11 federal holidays per year and accrue vacation and sick leave.

How: Interested applicants should send their CV and a cover letter to Jocelyn.Remmert@va.gov. In the cover letter, specify why you are interested in the position, your academic/career goals, and key experience/skills. In your CV, include your college GPA, the number of semesters/years of research or other helpful experience (e.g., support hotline volunteer, telemarketing) you have, the specific types of research tasks you have done, and the name, email, and phone number of 3 professional references. **The application deadline is August 16, 2023.** We will be conducting virtual interviews starting the week of August 21. We are hoping to have a start date in late September, early-October.

For more information regarding the Center for Integrated Healthcare visit <https://www.mirecc.va.gov/cih-visn2/>

*** OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS FOR PART-TIME RESEARCH ASSISTANT POSITION ***

Are you interested in gaining experience in healthcare research and learning hands-on skills to conduct research in a fast-paced clinical setting? Do you have interests in psychology, integrated healthcare, or implementation?

Researchers at the VA Center for Integrated Healthcare SERVICE Lab are looking to recruit up to two **part-time research assistants**. Learn about mental health, integrated primary care, and how to work with Veterans!

What: Research Assistant in CIH's SERVICE Lab. Research assistants have many roles, including (but not limited to) patient recruitment, screening, and assessment; preparation of study materials; data entry and analysis; literature reviews; and helping with manuscripts and grant preparation. You would work with three investigators who lead the SERVICE lab (Drs. Jennifer Funderburk, Robyn Shepardson, and Julie Gass) and several early career psychologists along with a large team of research assistants. We have several clinical research trials happening, including testing brief behavioral interventions for depression and anxiety. We will also be conducting a large mail survey of Veterans and interviewing primary care teams regarding how to best assist Veterans with psychological distress and unmet social needs. Our research focuses on **integrated primary care** and often involves using a team approach, so you would be exposed to VA primary care team members such as psychologists, primary care providers, and nurses. We value equity, diversity, and inclusion, and we strive to support our staff's educational and professional development.

When: The position will begin approximately October 2023. The duration of the position is 1 year, with a high likelihood of an extension and promotion to full-time contingent on additional grant funding. Hours can be flexible around class schedules.

Where: The position will be based at the Syracuse VA Medical Center (some telework shifts may be possible) in beautiful Central New York.

Who: US citizens with or working towards a bachelor's degree in health or science related fields (e.g., psychology, social work, public health, pre-med, biology, health services). We especially welcome applications from Veterans and members of minoritized or underserved communities. Candidates must have prior research experience and good communication skills.

Why: Working with our team has several excellent benefits. First, gain exposure to **clinical research** and the development, testing, and implementation of **evidence-based mental health interventions**. Second, gain experience **working with Veterans** and the VA system. Third, learn about and possibly work with **integrated primary care teams** (including physicians, nurses, etc.). Fourth, there may be opportunities to participate in manuscript writing and other dissemination (e.g., first author or co-author on conference presentations).

Salary and benefits: \$40,000-52,000 depending on education, experience level, and whether it is part-time or full time. The full-time position includes benefits such as health insurance, leave, etc.

How: Interested applicants should send their CV and a cover letter to Jocelyn.Remmert@va.gov. In the cover letter, specify why you are interested in the position, your academic/career goals, and key experience/skills. In your CV, include your college GPA, the number of semesters/years of research or other helpful experience (e.g., support hotline volunteer, telemarketing) you have, the specific types of research tasks you have done, and the name, email, and phone number of 3 professional references. **The application deadline is August 16, 2023.** We will be conducting virtual interviews starting the week of August 21. We are hoping to have a start date in late September, early-October.

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**** OPPORTUNITY FOR VETERANS ****

Researchers at the VA Center for Integrated Healthcare SERVICE Lab are looking to recruit a **Veteran** to serve as a part-time research assistant, **who will be primarily responsible for Veteran engagement and communication.**

This is a great position for Veterans looking to work and learn about working in the VA Healthcare System!!!

Learn about Integrated Primary Care and health services research aiming to improve the health of Veterans!

Get involved and advocate for Veterans in a research setting!

For Veteran students looking for a more flexible semester schedule, the part-time position is a great fit!!!

Here are some details about the position:

What: Your role will be talking to Veterans about all aspects of the research process, including talking to them about their interest in participating in a research study, asking them questions to see if they are eligible, and conducting assessments. In addition, this position can also include preparation of study materials, data entry and analysis, and helping with manuscripts and grant preparation. In this role you could also be asked to provide feedback on the wording of study materials to assist our research team in best meeting Veterans' needs and interests. There are three main investigators in the SERVICE lab (Dr. Jennifer Funderburk, Dr. Robyn Shepardson, and Dr. Julie Gass), who you would be working with, along with a team of others. We have several clinical research studies happening that you would be involved in, including testing brief interventions for depression and anxiety, as well as doing a mailed survey to ask Veterans managing an array of unmet social needs and how we can better assist them. There are many opportunities for growth and advancement in our team. Our research focuses on **integrated primary care**, and often involves using a team approach, so you would be exposed to VA primary care team members.

When: We are looking to hire someone who can begin in late September/early October 2023.

Where: The position could either be based at the Syracuse VA Medical Center (some telework shifts may be possible) in beautiful Central New York or it could be 100% virtual (if desired).

Who: **US military Veterans**, currently enrolled or just completed a 4- or 2-year college degree, who have an interest in health or science related fields (e.g., psychology, health services, public health, research, etc.). Applicants should be in good academic standing and would ideally have research, recruiting, or telemarketing experience, and who excel at communication. We especially welcome applications from members of minoritized or underserved communities.

Why: Working for the VA has several excellent benefits. First, gain experience **working with Veterans** and **working within the VA system**. If you are interested in a VA career, this is a great position to get your feet wet! Second, gain exposure to **clinical research** and the development, testing, and dissemination of **evidence-based mental health interventions**. Third, learn about **Integrated Primary Care Teams** (i.e., working with integrated teams including physicians, nurses, NPs, etc.).

Salary Range When Full-Time: \$40,000-52,000 depending on education, experience level, and whether it is part-time or full time. The full-time position includes benefits such as health insurance, leave, etc.

How: Interested Veterans should please send their CV and a cover letter to Jocelyn.Remmert@va.gov by **August 16, 2023**. In the cover letter, specify that you are a Veteran, preference for virtual or onsite, why you are interested in the position, academic/career goals, and key experience/skills. In your CV, include your college GPA, the number of semesters/years of research or other helpful experience (e.g., telemarketing) you have, any research experience, and contact information for at least 3 professional references. We will be conducting virtual interviews starting August 21st.