



## Research Assistant Position

The Psychotherapy Research and Development Program (PRDP) at the Dept. of Veterans Affairs New York Harbor Healthcare System investigates the process, outcome, and implementation of psychotherapy. PRDP, led by Dr. Cory Chen, is currently conducting several studies including randomized control trials, implementation reviews of dynamic treatments, and dissemination of telemental health assessments and treatments for Veterans in remote areas. We are seeking undergraduate and graduate volunteer research assistants to work in a hybrid capacity on a variety of psychotherapy studies **starting summer 2024**. This unpaid position is ideal for individuals seeking to apply for graduate study in psychology. Research assistants work closely with the rest of the research team and have the potential to gain experience in many aspects of qualitative and quantitative psychotherapy research. Tasks include:

- Data entry, checking, and analysis
- Transcription of assessment interviews and psychotherapy sessions
- Conducting participant phone screenings to determine study eligibility
- Various administrative tasks such as compiling materials for clinical interviews, tracking lab equipment, scanning consent forms, etc.
- Literature reviews on topics pertaining to psychotherapy research
- Participation in various quality improvement projects for the VA Clinical Resource Hub

Research assistants also have the opportunity to be trained in the administration and scoring of clinical assessments and semi-structured interviews commonly used in psychology research. Motivated research assistants will have opportunities for authorship on presentations and manuscripts, and mentorship on independent research projects.

### Qualifications:

- Must have (or be working towards) a bachelor's or graduate degree, preferably in psychology, social work, or other social science
- Available to work **at least** 8 hours a week, with preference given to those who can commit more (during normal business hours: Mon.-Fri. between 8:00am - 4:30pm). Must be able to work at least 1 day per week in-person at the Manhattan VA hospital
- Excellent organization skills and attention to detail, especially in written documents
- Basic proficiency with Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Teams, Outlook)
- A high-level of maturity that includes the ability to problem solve, take initiative, and work well within a team environment
- Ability to commit to at least 1 year as a research assistant in the PRDP lab, with preference given to those who can commit longer
- Must be a United States citizen or permanent resident

### Preferred Qualifications (desired but not required):

- Prior research experience
- Previous experience administering clinical assessments such as the SCID-5 and/or CAPS-5
- Availability on Mondays from 11:00am-1:00pm for weekly lab meetings

To apply, please complete the following survey and upload a cover letter and your CV/resume here: <https://forms.gle/48qVvjotcsyTbZRt7> . **The initial application deadline is Feb. 29, 2024**. You will be contacted by research staff if you are selected for the next round of the application process. Please direct all questions to PRDP Research Coordinator, Emily Villeneuve, at [emily.villeneuve@va.gov](mailto:emily.villeneuve@va.gov) .