

Research Associate (Project Director)

College of Health and Human Development, Family Life Project

The Prevention Research Center seeks a Project Director to provide leadership in managing the Family Life Project (FLP), a large longitudinal study focused on the growth and development of young children living in low-income, rural environments. The project, funded by NIMH and NIDA, follows a birth cohort of children born in 2003-2004 and is a comprehensive and in-depth examination of the multiple levels (community, neighborhood, family, parent, and child) that influence the developmental processes and outcomes of children in non-urban America. FLP involves interdisciplinary investigators from Univ. of North Carolina and Penn State Univ. (PSU). The current phase of the study is focused on the transition to school and will involve data collection in home, preschool, kindergarten, and elementary school settings. Responsibilities of the Project Director, under the direction of the PSU Principal Investigator (Mark Greenberg) and in conjunction with UNC site, will include supervision of administrative staff, the field coordinator, and the field staff; supervising graduate research assistants; assisting the PI with budget planning and monitoring; developing research protocols for data collection and supervising piloting for data collection; working closely with investigators at the North Carolina site; analyzing project data, and producing publications relevant to the project.

The successful candidate will have completed or be near completion of a doctoral degree in Human Development and Family Studies, Developmental Psychology, Clinical Psychology, or a related social science field; strong research experience preferably on longitudinal studies related to human development, and ideally, with young children; the ability to work collaboratively and constructively in a research team; managerial experience; and excellent oral and written communication skills. **This is an excellent position for an early career researcher who is motivated to conceptualize and develop papers using FLP data; opportunities and support for writing collateral grants are also provided.**

The expected beginning date is June 1, 2008. THIS IS A FULL TIME, BENEFITS ELIGIBLE POSITION FUNDED FOR ONE YEAR FROM DATE OF HIRE WITH EXCELLENT POSSIBILITY OF RE-FUNDING.

Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. Letters of application, including a complete resume and the names, addresses, email and telephone numbers of three professional references should be sent to: Mark Greenberg Ph.D. 112 Henderson South, Penn State University, University Park, PA 16802-6507 or email to mxg47@psu.edu.

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