

Part-Time Research Assistant

Job Description

The Digital Wellness Lab (DWL) at Boston Children's Hospital is looking for a part-time Research Assistant (20 hrs/wk) to aid in transcription and recruitment efforts for two ongoing studies. **This position is for the duration of summer 2023 with the potential for extension.**

The DWL is an academic research center whose mission is to deepen our collective understanding of what digital wellness looks like in practice and how to foster it within existing and emerging technologies. We want to investigate how interactive media usage impacts the health and development of young people and provide evidence for guidance, strategies, tools, and best practices for media and technology use and design that support and promote wellness and healthy development, within different contexts.

Our research is focused on work that can inform meaningful, timely outreach and engagement materials for key stakeholders and/or have a direct application to enhancing digital wellness within industry design and approach. Timeliness is of the essence, given the scope of the challenge and the pace of technological change, so we aim to balance long-range academic research with quick turnaround research for understanding and application.

Under the supervision of Dr. David Bickham, Lead Research Scientist, the part-time Research Assistant will provide project support for two ongoing research studies. This individual will clean study transcripts and assist in analysis for one study about social online gaming, and will recruit participants from local clinics for a study about Problematic Interactive Media Use (PIMU).

Basic Qualifications

- 1+ years of related experience required; a combination of education and experience may be considered
- Enrolled in or recently graduated from a Bachelor's or Master's program, preferably in psychology, communications, human development, or related field

Additional Qualifications and Skills

The following job-specific skills and competencies are preferred:

- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Experience with the Microsoft Suite and Python (or related software)
- Ability to perform as a team member and good interpersonal skills
- Ability to work independently and effectively

Applications are due by June 30, 2023.

Please include all of the following documents in your application:

- CV
- A cover letter describing your research interests and how they are in line with the mission of the Digital Wellness Lab
- Names and contact information for at least three references

To apply please email the above materials to David Bickham, PhD at dwl@childrens.harvard.edu with the subject line "[Your Last Name] Part-Time Research Assistant" no later than 12:00 midnight EST, Friday, **June 30, 2023**.