

University of Washington Health Promotion Research Center
Research Assistant for Fall Quarter 2009, Winter and Spring Quarter 2010
20% Position

RA--- Review of the Evidence for the Effectiveness of Mental Health Promotion
(Submitted October 14, 2009)

JOB DESCRIPTION

The University of Washington Health Promotion Research Center is currently seeking a part-time Research Assistant (RA) to provide support for a review of the evidence for the effectiveness of mental health promotion. The aim of this one-year project is to complete a focused review of scientific literature complemented by input from a group of key informant experts on the conceptualization and measurement of mental health. The review will identify critical issues and public health implications that can guide public health organizations in setting an agenda for population based mental health promotion. The review will also identify areas where more research is needed. RA responsibilities will include:

- Work with research staff to conduct a focused literature review on mental health promotion constructs, measurement, and public health relevant correlations and outcomes.
- Conduct literature searches of scientific databases, including MEDLINE, PsycINFO and CINAHL.
- Abstract key information from included journal articles using a standardized abstraction form.
- Analyze qualitative data from interviews with key informants.
- Assist with other research activities as needed
- Provide routine administrative support for study activities.
- Maintain detailed and accurate records.
- Format PowerPoint presentations and manuscripts as needed.

This position is a 20% FTE appointment; RA activities will not exceed 8 hours per week. Work schedule and location will be determined based on RA's schedule.

Candidates for the position will preferably have the following experience and skills:

- Strong written and oral communication skills
- Experience with conducting research activities, specifically literature reviews and abstraction of key information from journal articles.
- Ability to work independently and with various stakeholders from other universities and government organizations.
- Enrolled in a master-level degree in a health or social science field.

All interested students are welcome to apply. Positions are filled on the basis of the best student fit with the position. Interested applicants, please submit your resume/CV and cover letter via e-mail to:

Lesley Steinman, MSW MPH
Research Coordinator
UW Health Promotion Research Center
lesles@u.washington.edu
206.543.9837 Fax: 206.543.8841

The University of Washington reaffirms its policy of equal opportunity regardless of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, marital status, disability, or status as a disabled veteran or Vietnam era veteran in accordance with University policy and applicable federal and state statutes and regulations. The University of Washington is committed to providing access and reasonable accommodation in its services, programs, activities, education and employment for individuals with disabilities. To request disability accommodation in the application process contact the department at 206-616-2935 or the Disability Services Office at least ten days in advance at: 206.543.6450/V, 206.543.6452/TTY, 206.685.7264 (FAX), or e-mail at dso@u.washington.edu.