RESEARCH INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

POSITION: Research Intern

TIME COMMITMENT: 15 hours/week, 9 months (minimum)

DEPARTMENT: HIV CENTER FOR CLINICAL & BEHAVIORAL STUDIES

STUDY DESCRIPTION: Justice involved youth are at high risk for HIV and have high rates of substance use and disorders. The #MoveUp study will determine the efficacy of delivering a health intervention that aims to inform justice involved youth aged 18-24 about HIV/STIs and substance use, and motivate and empower them to avoid behaviors that put their health at risk.

DUTIES: Interns will be asked to conduct structured, 2 hour interviews at the homes of participants who reside in Brooklyn, New York and at the King’s County Downtown Brooklyn Courthouse. They will also conduct participant recruitment and tracking (both via telephone and home visits), data entry, and other office-related activities.

WHAT TO EXPECT: This internship offers the opportunity to learn about the process of conducting a large-scale randomized control trial. Interns will receive extensive training on interview and recruitment techniques, and will have the opportunity to gain skills and experience related to in-depth interviewing, participant recruitment and tracking, and data collection. In addition, interns will participate in weekly meetings with a team of researchers at Columbia University.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Required:
- Bachelors Degree in psychology, social work, public health or related field
- Available to work some evenings and 1 weekend day
- Extremely organized and detail oriented
- Able to work independently and as a part of a team
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills

Preferred:
- Currently enrolled in a Master’s program
- Previous interviewing experience
- Familiar with neighborhoods in Brooklyn, New York
- Driver’s license

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