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Forensic Research Internship

Overview

This is a paid research internship position (i.e., \$550.00 stipend at the end of the six month contract) for a graduate student eligible or graduate student only, with the agreed upon time frame at the outset of the fellowship. Graduate student eligible or graduate student is defined as having a bachelors degree, or currently enrolled in a masters or doctorate program. The research intern will have to complete one research project which will be submitted for publication and a present either a poster or presentation at a conference.

Remote: In this position, the intern will shadow the psychologist to observe case consultation with other professionals, learn about the field of forensic psychology, learn about trauma, learn how to review records and develop various types of summaries, and gain experience by reviewing old case files.

Local: In this position, the intern will shadow the psychologist to observe case consultation with other professionals, learn about the field of forensic psychology, learn about trauma, learn how to review records and develop various types of summaries, and gain experience by reviewing old case files. Depending upon the level of experience, the intern may have the opportunity to have a more active role on cases. The intern may be permitted to interview clients, will learn interviewing techniques, and about testing protocols with the psychologist in team meetings. If the intern speaks more than one language, the intern may assist in conducting interviews. The intern will also be required to assist with administrative duties as needed. The intern will have various practice projects to display a level of retention of learned material.

Benefits

Benefits to the Profession and the Public. This internship will provide a commencement experience to clinical and forensic psychology with an emphasis in trauma. In addition to providing needed experience for future psychologists, F.I.R.E. Igniting Lives is assisting in maintaining quality control within the profession by ensuring that future professionals are entering the field competent.

Professional Growth and Development. This internship will provide professional growth and development by assisting the intern with development of resume/curriculum vitae, personal statements for graduate programs, and interviewing techniques. This intern will also learn how to search for the latest research, assessment tools, and theoretical developments.

Requirements

This is a part-time position that averages to 10 — 15 hours a week with some weeks needing less hours than other weeks. The candidate must have at least a 3.3 “major” grade point average on a 4.0 scale and a 3.0 “overall” grade point average on a 4.0 scale. An unofficial transcript must be provided along with answering the following questions in two pages or less:

1. Why do you want to learn about forensic psychology?
2. What do you know about trauma?
3. What are you hoping to gain from the position?
4. What topics are you interested in researching and why?
5. Are you able to commute (applicable to local candidates)?
6. What hours and days are you most available?