

F.I.R.E. Igniting Lives
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Forensic Fellowship

Overview

This is a paid part time position (i.e., \$15.00 /hr) 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. In this position the fellow will shadow the psychologist to observe how interviews are conducted, learn about the field of forensic psychology, learn about trauma, and gain experience by reviewing old case files. Depending upon the level of experience, the fellow may have the opportunity to have a more active role on cases. The fellow may have the opportunity to observe the psychologist testifying. The fellow may be permitted to interview clients, and will learn interviewing techniques and about testing protocols with the psychologist in team meetings. If the fellow speaks more than one language, the fellow may assist in conducting interviews. The fellow will also be required to assist with administrative duties as needed. The fellow will have various practice projects to display a level of retention of learned material.

Benefits

Benefits to the Profession and the Public. This fellowship will provide a commencement or enhancement experience to the field of 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 fellowship will provide professional growth and development by assisting the fellow with development of resume/curriculum vitae, personal statements for graduate programs, and interviewing techniques. The fellow will also learn how to search for the latest research, assessment tools, and theoretical developments.

Requirements

This is a paid part-time position that averages to 10 hours a week with some weeks needing less hours than other weeks. The candidate must have a bachelors degree with 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. Are you able to commute? 5. What hours and days are you most available?