

DEPARTMENT OF OBG

DR RAJENDRA PRASAD GOVT MEDICAL COLLEGE, TANDA

No.HFW-H(DRPGMC)OBG/project-

Dated: 18/04/2022

We are seeking a research assistant to support Phase 1 of a study on Perinatal Mental Health. The study aims to improve our understanding of perinatal mental health disorders in India. Phase 1 is a qualitative study involving focus group discussions (FGDs) with women.

Applications are invited for contractual position in research project to be implemented by the Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology and Psychiatry Department DRPGMC Tanda for research topic "Perinatal mental health in India". Onsite Investigators at DRPGMC Tanda are Dr Ashok Verma (OBG Deptt), Dr (Maj) Sukhjit and Dr Pankaj Kanwar (Psychiatry Department). The study is funded by the University of Oxford, UK.

Post: Research Assistant for Perinatal Mental Health Study (Phase 1)

Number of work days required: approximately 10 (over a period of 2 weeks or more)

Remuneration: 2000/-per session conducted and translated to English + travel/accommodation if out station.

The suitably experienced individual will be responsible for leading focus group discussions (FGDs) at DRPGMC and in community settings within the surrounding areas. The post-holder should have well-developed skills in qualitative research methods, experience of working in the field of mental health and experience of conducting interviews and focus groups. This role requires strong communication skills and the ability to hold nuanced discussions on a sensitive topic.

Responsibilities

PHASE 1: QUALITATIVE STUDY

- Assist with eligibility assessment of participants
- Explain the study to participants and take consent
- Help participants to complete socio-demographic questionnaires
- Organise and lead focus group discussions (FGDs)
- Take observational notes during FGDs
- Transcribe FGD audio-recordings verbatim (in Hindi)
- Translate transcriptions into English
- Ensure secure collection, handling, storage and transfer of data
- Report to the study Chief Investigator on an agreed schedule

Essential skills

- Fluent in English, Hindi and any local vernacular language
- Bachelors' degree or equivalent in qualitative research methods or behavioural sciences (e.g. psychology, social work) from a recognised University or institution. Nursing graduate with suitable experience is also eligible
- Experience of conducting qualitative interviews
- Excellent communication skills

Desirable skills

- Previous experience of transcription and translation
- Experience of working on ICMR project
- Experience of working in mental health research or practice
- Prior experience in thematic analysis, including familiarity with *NVivo* (or similar)

Selection procedure:

1. Candidate has to apply by posting their application and supporting documents to the undersigned.

Last date of application: 30/4/2022

Date of written test/interview: 5/5/2022 at 11am

Address of test/interview: 2nd floor; Obstetrics & Gynaecology Department
DRPGMC Tanda- 176002

2. It is compulsory to bring all original certificates
3. No TA DA is payable
4. Post is to conduct FDG(focus group discussion) 6-7 sessions. Remuneration is payable for each session conducted and translated to Hindi and English.
5. During the currency of the project, DRPGMC Tanda as well as University of Oxford will have no legal liabilities relating to staff.
6. Contract can be terminated at any time based on the performance of the staff.



Dr Ashok verma

Professor OBG Department cum PI of the project

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