

DEPARTMENT OF OBG

DR RAJENDRA PRASAD GOVT MEDICAL COLLEGE, TANDA

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

Dated:

We are seeking a research assistant to support Phase 2 of a study on Perinatal Mental Health. The study aims to improve our understanding of perinatal mental health disorders in India.

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 2) – **Research Nurse**

Duration: 4-6 months

Salary: Rs 200/-per women screened with all research tools and data uploaded on software + travel expenses

We are seeking 2 Research Nurses and 2 clinical psychologists to support Phase 2 of a study on Perinatal Mental Health. The overall study aim is to improve understanding of perinatal mental disorders in India. Phase 2 is a validation study during which a variety of screening tools for mental disorders will be tested and compared to a clinical interview.

The suitably experienced Research Nurse and clinical psychologist will be responsible for identifying and recruiting participants, collecting socio-demographic information and administering a number of screening tools. Participants will be recruited at DRPGMC and in surrounding community district settings during an estimated 4-6 month period. The Research Nurse will work alongside a Clinical Psychologist who will conduct clinical interviews with study participants after they have completed the screening tools.

Responsibilities

- Assess eligibility of participants and recruit to the study
- Explain the study to participants and take informed consent
- Collect socio-demographic data from participants
- Administer mental health screening tools to participants
- Following completion of screening tools, refer participant to the Clinical Psychologist for clinical interview
- Enter data using an electronic tablet and ensure data is uploaded
- Ensure secure and accurate collection, handling, storage and transfer of data
- Report to the Chief Investigator (Dr Gracia Fellmeth) and the Site Principal Investigator (Professor Ashok Verma) on an agreed schedule

Essential skills

- Fluent in English, Hindi and any local vernacular language
- Bachelors degree or higher in nursing
- Excellent communication skills

Desirable skills

- Experience of working on ICMR project
- Experience of working in mental health research including participant recruitment, consent taking and data entry

Post: Research Assistant for Perinatal Mental Health Study (Phase 2) – **Clinical Psychologist**

Duration: 4-6 months

Salary: Rs 200/- per women screened with research tools and data uploaded on software. Plus travelling expenses.

We are seeking 2 Clinical Psychologists to support Phase 2 of a study on Perinatal Mental Health. The overall study aim is to improve understanding of perinatal mental disorders in India. Phase 2 is a validation study during which a variety of screening tools for mental disorders will be tested and compared to a clinical interview.

The suitably experienced Clinical Psychologist will be responsible for conducting clinical interviews with study participants to assess their mental health status using the Mini International Neuropsychiatric Investigation (MINI) or any other tools as per project. Interviews will take place at DRPGMC and in surrounding community district settings during a 4-6 month period. Travel to these locations will be necessary. The Clinical Psychologist will be working alongside a Research Nurse who will be responsible for recruiting participants and assessing eligibility.

Responsibilities

- Conduct structured clinical interviews (MINI) with each participant, after they have completed the screening tools (note: Clinical Psychologist must be blinded to results of screening tools)
- Establish diagnoses of mental disorders for each participant, according to results of MINI
- MINI should cover the following diagnoses: depression, anxiety, PTSD, suicidality, somatisation disorder
- Enter results of MINI into electronic tablet and ensure data is uploaded
- Ensure secure and accurate collection, handling, storage and transfer of data
- Report to the Chief Investigator (Dr Gracia Fellmeth) and the Site Principal Investigator (Professor Ashok Verma) on an agreed schedule
- If necessary, the Clinical Psychologist may be asked to assist the Research Nurse with recruitment of participants, assessment of eligibility and consent process (depending on workload and flow of patients on any given day)

Essential skills

- Fluent in English, Hindi and any local vernacular language
- Bachelors degree or higher in psychology from a recognised University or institution
- Experience of conducting clinical interviews using MINI
- Excellent communication skills

Desirable skills

- Experience of working on ICMR project

- Experience of working in mental health research study

Selection procedure:

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

Last date of application: 23/7/2022

Date of written test/interview: 2/8/2022 at 11am

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

Online interview will be conducted by Principal Investigator from Oxford University as per slots provided by her before or after 2/8/2022.

2. It is compulsory to bring all original certificates
3. No TA DA is payable to appear in the interview.
4. During the currency of the project, DRPGMC Tanda as well as University of Oxford will have no legal liabilities relating to staff.
5. Contract can be terminated at any time based on the performance of the staff.
6. Remuneration offered can be increased or decreased depending on the funding by the funding agency.

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