

**Project Manager/Research Assistant**  
Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences  
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University of Southern California  
Los Angeles, CA

The Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Southern California is seeking a full-time project manager/research assistant to execute grant-funded research on substance use and other health-related behavioral and psychosocial domains with veterans and young adults. Ideally, the project manager/research assistant would work across multiple active NIH grants and research studies with Eric Pedersen, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Director of Digital Health. The project manager/research assistant would contribute to research efforts on projects aiming to decrease hazardous substance use behavior, alleviate mental health symptoms, and reduce risks for sexual violence among veterans and young adults through innovative brief online and mobile-based interventions. There will be multiple opportunities to collaborate with researchers across the University of Southern California; primarily, with researchers in the Department of Preventive Medicine, the Dworak-Peck School of Social Work, and the Institute for Addiction Science (IAS; [ias.usc.edu](http://ias.usc.edu)). The position term is for two to three years. The start date is flexible but should be no later than June of 2020.

Responsibilities include:

- Contribute to research endeavors, specifically for four NIH-funded research projects:
  - Preventing Alcohol Misuse among Young Adult Veterans through Brief Online Intervention (R01AA026575)
  - Online Intervention to Prevent Risky Behaviors During College Student Study Abroad Experiences (R01AA025909)
  - Mobile Application Intervention Targeting the High-Risk Drinking Practice of Prepartying (R34AA025968)
  - Associations of Exposure to Marijuana Outlets and Advertising with Marijuana Use Outcomes among Young Adults (R21DA047501)
- Data collection and entry. Data cleaning and measurement scoring
- Perform comprehensive literature reviews and contribute to the preparation of peer-reviewed manuscripts, grants, and reports (opportunities for significant publications)
- Assist and perform statistical analysis and evaluation of research results
- Design/program assessments using online survey software
- Oversee IRB submissions

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree in Psychology or related field or equivalent combination of education and experience. Candidate for a Master's Degree or completed Master's Degree preferred
- Minimum one-year research experience with a strong understanding and verifiable application of research methodology and data analysis
- Strong writer in APA style
- Familiarity and experience using online survey software (e.g., Qualtrics) encouraged
- Demonstrated computer competency and knowledge of data cleaning. Familiarity with data analysis and data analysis software preferred
- Strong organizational and interpersonal skills
- Demonstrated ability to work independently and collaboratively

To apply, please send a cover letter, statement of research interests, a writing sample that best exemplifies the candidate's writing skills, and a resume/curriculum vitae to Dr. Eric Pedersen at [Eric.Pedersen@med.usc.edu](mailto:Eric.Pedersen@med.usc.edu). Additionally, please arrange to have three letters of recommendation sent to Dr. Pedersen if requested.