Research Specialist – PVL 85535

**Education:** A Bachelor's degree is required. A degree in Psychology, Neuroscience or related field is preferred.

**Appointment Percentage:** 100%

**Full Time Salary Rate:** minimum $30,207 annual – depending on qualifications.

**Number of Positions:** 1

**Qualifications:**
Well-qualified applicants will have the following preferred work experience, knowledge and skills: Two years of experience working in a large research laboratory setting on complex research projects. Relevant undergraduate experience will be considered; Experience collecting psychophysiological measures; Experience setting up and troubleshooting equipment used for psychological research (e.g. fMRI, EEG, etc.); Experience using Windows, Mac and Linux in a secure environment; Knowledge of human subjects research principles; Interest in learning and succeeding in human neuroscience research; Familiarity working with subjects from young adulthood through seniors; Excellent written and communication skills; Excellent problem solving, organization, and computer skills; Exceptional judgment and independent decision-making skills, including the ability to set one's own priorities to meet the demands of the position; Experience supervising staff or students.

**Job Summary:**
The Center for Investigating Healthy Minds (CIHM), a component of the Waisman Center, was founded and is led by neuroscientist Richard J. Davidson. CIHM's mission is to cultivate well-being and relieve suffering through a scientific understanding of the mind. CIHM is a lead in rigorous, interdisciplinary basic and translational research aimed at understanding the mind and how to nurture well-being in ourselves and other. CIHM communicates these findings to the world, inspires scientists to conduct further research and engages influencers to shift the culture to embrace well-being.

The role of the Research Specialist will be to perform data collection and processing for a five-year longitudinal study. The primary purpose of the study is to examine the effect of short-term training in meditation and general well-being classes or long-term training in meditation on measures of emotion regulation, attention, inflammation, asthma and sleep. This position is primarily involved in research and data collection, with a focus on data management and processing but also includes some minor activities that will overlap with outreach and administration.

**For a complete list of duties and qualifications please see:**

We offer an excellent benefits package as well as a competitive salary based on qualifications.
**How to Apply:**
In order to apply, please submit your cover letter and resume to Melissa Henning at [melissa.henning@wisc.edu](mailto:melissa.henning@wisc.edu). Please specify PVL 85535 in your subject line.

Melissa Henning, Human Resources Assistant
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Questions about the position can be directed to Melissa Henning at 608-890-1388 or [melissa.henning@wisc.edu](mailto:melissa.henning@wisc.edu).

**To ensure consideration, applications must be received by March 18, 2016.**

Note: Unless confidentiality is requested in writing, information regarding applicants and nominees must be released upon request. Finalists cannot be guaranteed confidentiality.

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