**Research Specialist – Epidemiology of Developmental Disabilities – PVL 90279**

**Education:** A Bachelor's degree required, Master's Degree preferred. A degree in Public Health, Psychology, Speech and Language Pathology or a related field is preferred.

**Appointment Percentage:** 50 – 100%  **Full-time Salary Rate:** Minimum: $30,207 annually

**Job Summary:**
The Waisman Center is dedicated to the advancement of knowledge about human development, developmental disabilities, and neurodegenerative diseases throughout the lifespan. One of only 15 centers of its kind in the United States, the Waisman Center encompasses laboratories for biomedical and behavioral research, a brain imaging center, and a clinical biomanufacturing facility for the production of pharmaceuticals for early stage human clinical trials. In addition to its research efforts, the Center provides an array of services to people with developmental disabilities, offers numerous educational and outreach programs to young children and their families, and trains scientists and clinicians who will serve our nation in the future.

This position is a part of The Study to Explore Early Development (SEED) in the Epidemiology of Developmental Disabilities, University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) work unit, at the Waisman Center. The focus of the SEED project is to conduct a multi-site collaborative epidemiologic study to investigate risk and casual factors for Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and phenotypic subgroups of ASD using a population-based, case-control study design. Over the course of the study, the six sites (Colorado, Georgia, Maryland, Missouri, North Carolina and Wisconsin) will each enroll approximately 600 children to address specific hypothesis in six broad domains: 1) the ASD phenotype 2) infection and immune function, including autoimmunity 3) reproductive and hormonal features 4) gastrointestinal features 5) genetic features and 6) socio-demographic features.

The Research Specialist will be responsible for coordinating clinic visits and assessments for SEED participants. Specific tasks will include administering and scoring developmental assessments, collecting and entering data, tracking specimens, as well as assisting with recruitment, quality control and outreach activities.

**Minimum Qualifications:**
Well-qualified applicants will have the following preferred experience and knowledge:
- Previous human subjects' research experience.
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office software (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, etc.).
- Excellent written and verbal communications as well as strong interpersonal skills and organizational skills.
- Experience working with children with autism or other developmental disabilities and their parents.
- Experience administering and scoring the Mullen Scales of Early Learning and Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scale II assessments.
- Research reliability in the Autism Diagnostic Observation Scale (ADOS 2), modules 1, 2 and 3, and the Autism Diagnostic Interview-Revised (ADI-R) assessments.
- Knowledge of APA (American Psychological Association) standards with relevant coursework.
- Familiarity with OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) standards and federal biohazard shipping regulations.
- Demonstrated ability to maintain excellent rapport with families while remaining on task to collect data.

*It is required that the selected individual establishes research reliability with the ADOS and ADI-R assessments within the first year of their hire date.*

For a complete list of duties and qualifications please see:  
http://jobs.hr.wisc.edu/cw/en-us/job/495252/research-specialist

We offer an excellent benefits package as well as a competitive salary based on qualifications.

**How to Apply:**
Please click on the "Apply Now" button to begin the application process. You will be asked to upload a resume, cover letter and list of references.  
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Questions about the position can be directed to Melissa Henning, Human Resources Assistant, at 608-890-1388 or melissa.henning@wisc.edu.

To ensure consideration applications must be received by June 1, 2017

If you need to request an accommodation because of a disability you can find information about how to make a request at the following website: http://www.oed.wisc.edu/478.htm

NOTE: Please indicate in writing if you request that your identity be kept confidential. If you do not indicate your preference to remain confidential, the University may be required to disclose your identify and/or application materials. The identity of finalists and successful candidates will be revealed upon request. See Wis. Stat. sec. 19.36(7).

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A period of evaluation will be required