Exciting Summer Placement!

We invite applications for a summer placement student to work on the IAMHealth study at the Institute of Psychology, Psychiatry and Neuroscience (IoPPN). The placement will be within the Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, where the student will work as part of a research team under the guidance of Professor Emily Simonoff.

Deadline for CV and cover letters: Tuesday 21st March 2017

IAMHealth Project
The research programme you will be working on, “Improving outcomes for people with autism by reducing mental health problems” (IAMHealth), is funded by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) in total for 5 years.

This programme involves people with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) from early childhood to adult life. We aim to identify the early childhood risk/protective factors that differentiate those who develop severe mental health problems in adolescence, so that resources can be better focused to those at highest risk. The children and adolescents taking part are being seen at three time-points: 4-8 years; 10-14 years; and 12-16 years old. The placement student will be involved with the follow-up at 12-16 years.

Duties will include:
- Tracing families who have taken part in previous phases of the study
- Contacting participants to arrange assessment visits
- Assisting parents and young people with completion of questionnaires
- Assisting with assessments (including physiological and experimental measures)
- Inputting data from interviews and assessments.

You will need to have:
- Very good telephone manner and good English
- Accurate data entry skills and good attention to detail
- Excellent interpersonal skills, commitment, self-motivation and a flexible approach
- Good organisation skills and be able to work independently
- Experience with individuals with ASD is desirable but not necessary

You will have the opportunity to gain a first-hand insight into autism spectrum disorders by observing research assessments and psychiatric interviews. You will attend the research meetings and will gain a good sense of how a large and complex research project is run. You can also attend interesting lectures and seminars given by national and international experts and other research teams at the Institute of Psychiatry. You can also gain clinical experience by utilising opportunities to observe assessments/case studies/clinic appointments.
The placement offers an honorarium of £70 per week.

For informal enquiries please contact: susie.chandler@kcl.ac.uk / 0207 848 5416

IAMHealth project website: http://iamhealthkcl.net/

Applications:
Please send a CV and covering letter to: Monika Kovacs, Research Administrator, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology and Neuroscience, Box P085, De Crespigny Park, London SE5 8AF or via email to IAMHealthAdmin@kcl.ac.uk by Tuesday 21st March. Please write “Summer Placement Application” in the subject line of the email.

Interviews will be held 28th-30th March 2017.