INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY, PSYCHOLOGY AND NEUROSCIENCE  
KING'S COLLEGE LONDON – PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Exciting Summer Placement!

We invite applications for a summer placement student to work on the Autism Spectrum Treatment and Resilience (ASTAR) 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 Tony Charman.

Deadline for CV and cover letters: Wednesday 5th April 2017 at 5pm.

The ASTAR Study
The ASTAR study is an evaluation of a novel group parent-training programme for parents with young children with ASD. The focus of this intervention is to help parents manage concerning emotions and behaviours displayed by their young children (http://iamhealthkcl.net/research-studies/treatment/).

The ASTAR Study is part of a research programme that aims to improve outcomes for people with autism by reducing mental health problems (IAMHealth). IAMHealth is funded by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) in total for 5 years and involves people with ASD from early childhood to adult life (see: www.iamhealthkcl.net/).

The student will be involved in a range of activities. The precise content of the placement will depend on the stage the study is at and what the study needs at any particular time, as well as the student’s experience and preferences. Duties may include:

- Assisting with assessments of preschool and school age children with autism spectrum disorders using standardised psychometric and clinical instruments.
- Videotaping and scoring videotapes of observational assessments.
- Scoring standardised tests from manuals.
- Preparing reports and summaries of assessments for parents.
- Liaising with clinicians, schools, and parents via telephone and written correspondence.
- Sending pre-assessment questions to families and collating on return.
- Undertaking literature searches via computer-based and library resources.
- Entering data into a database.
- Undertaking statistical analysis and preparing written summaries of results.

The students will also have the opportunity to:

- Attend a wide range of talks and seminars at the IoPPN given by national and international experts that cover topics in psychology, psychiatry and neuroscience.
- Attend research meetings and gain a good sense of how a clinical trial is undertaken.

The placement offers an honorarium of £70 per week. Any travel expenses incurred on the placement (e.g. travel to schools) will be covered.

For informal enquiries please contact: melanie.palmer@kcl.ac.uk / 0207 848 5620
Applications:
Please send a CV and covering letter to:
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or via email to:
IAMHealthAdmin@kcl.ac.uk Please write “Summer Placement Application” in the subject line of the email.

Closing date: Wednesday 5th April 2017 at 5pm.
Interviews will be held on: Wednesday 19th April 2017 between 1-4pm.